

TO ESTABLISH HOW PROTOCOLS & PROCEDURES ARE BEING INTERPRETED LOCALLY

1. Within the working arrangements summary dated March 2014 it states:

"The local councils will work together on preparing a Plan that reflects the wishes of our communities, whilst ensuring that the parish councils and the Town Council retain responsibility for their parish areas."

WDDC has confirmed that if the Area NP delivers proposals relating to Bradpole CP that are incompatible with the wishes of our community then Bradpole can veto those proposals before the Plan goes to independent assessment. Is this understood by all at VISION-2030?

VISION-2030: Yes I would say that the majority of members understand and also the final submission decision rest with the Joint Committee.

2. Within the Steering Group meetings of Jan & Feb 2015 it was agreed that Codes of Conduct & Register of Interests should be completed by SG Members. Are these now signed, published & being enacted upon?

VISION-2030: Yes all Steering Group members Interest will be published on the Web Site and the Code of Conduct.

3. The then project leader resigned in March 2015 and it was agreed at that time that a replacement be appointed. Following last week's interviews has this now been resolved and will the Local Councils Joint Committee have an input re his/her terms of reference vis-a-vis the NP?

VISION-2030: No suitable candidate emerged from last week's interviews, so the role will be re advertised. The Steering Group Chair and a member of the Joint Committee will be involved in the interview panel.

Supplementary question: Can you assure Councillors that there were be no conflict of interest as the person selected will be carrying out a role within Bridport Town Council?

VISION-2030: There will be clear differences in the roles.

4. In the SG minutes of Sept & Oct 2015 it was agreed that WG bulletins should also be published on the website and the dates of all SG & WG meetings should be made available there. How is this going?

VISION-2030: There are no excuses, more work is needed to be done on the web site.

VISION-2030: Full transparency is needed, so the information must be made available on the Web site.

5. The 228-page 2015 Local Plan suggests that land outside of the Defined Development Boundary may become available for development although this *"will be strictly controlled"*.

The Inspector, however, has stated that *"it is difficult to strictly control development outside of the DDB"*.

Has the recent **"Call for Land"** produced additional sites that (& to quote a Vision 2030 member) *"the neighbourhood plan is very likely to provide several alternative or additional sites where the detrimental impact of a large scale development adjacent to a small market town can be alleviated."*

VISION-2030: No sites have been identified within Bradpole and only 2 within the whole Neighbourhood Plan area.

6. The 11 February 2014 report (JW) to the Executive Committee 5.17 states *"It is not considered necessary to exclude the strategic allocation from the (proposed NP) area, given that the link officer will be providing clear advise on this matter as the plan progresses, and initial talks with both the local councils and the landowner / developer have indicated a willingness to work together."*

Is this advice being given and received and are relationships with the landowner / developer still as stated given that Bridport TC, together with Allington & Symondsburry, objected to this Strategic Development in Nov 2015?

VISION-2030: An invitation will be sent to all Parish Councils in regard to a small working group to work on the Masterplan for Vearse Farm. The Plan consultant will be checking that the Steering Group and Working Groups keep on track and work within the National Policy.

7. According to Bridport Town Council's Committees Terms of reference: *"The Joint Committee, of all councils participating in the Neighbourhood Plan has the function to: "Authorise all expenditure in relation to the Plan and be the accountable body."*

Is this happening in practice?

VISION-2030: Yes.

8. Of the £18363 spent as at 8 Feb £14666 has been spent on consultancy fees, £3334 on "Other Project management Costs" and just £313 on publicity. For a community led project which is designed to engage the community is this a correct balance of spending? What are other management costs?

VISION-2030: The £3334 is for the supportive time I have provided

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

9. Will future meetings be rotated around Parishes as agreed in Steering Group Minutes Jan 2015 item 6?

VISION-2030: The Steering Group seems to have lost focus on this matter but I will ensure that this will happen

10. -The two representatives from Bradpole, as well as from other Parishes, have given their time freely in progressing the Area N.P. through the various meetings etc. and are keen for it to succeed. However we are told that these meetings are sometimes bogged down with detail that is beyond the remit of the NP and in conflict with both local and national strategic policies, although this is not reflected in the published minutes.

They, and consequently we as a Parish Council, are concerned that their time is not being put to best use in progressing this Plan within the proper framework...

What assurances can you provide us with that, if we continue to support VISION-2030, efforts will be focused on delivering the Plan within the protocols which have been confirmed by WDDC so that it has a more than reasonable chance of passing an Independent examination in a form acceptable to ALL participating Councils?

VISION-2030: People who sit on the Steering Group are all members of the community, all work hard to try and achieve the right outcome. It is my role to make sure that they keep on track and behave in an appropriate manner. There will be a review of the three working groups.
