

**Boston Spa Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Group (NPAG)
Meeting**

Monday 27th January 2025 at 6.30pm

The Committee Room, Boston Spa Village Hall, 199 High Street, Boston Spa, LS23 6AA

Present: Cllr G Bowen, Cllr P Stables, Keith Jackson, Deborah Marshall, Andy Colledge, Tomas Johnson.

Apologies: Cllr A Watts, Cllr K Blake, David Faraday.

MINUTES

1.	Apologies for absence
	Apologies had been received from Cllrs K Blake, Cllr A Watts and David Faraday.
	Resolved: That the apologies and the reasons for absence be accepted.
2.	Public Open Forum
	There were no members of the public in attendance.
3.	To confirm the minutes from the 25 November 2024 meeting and note any actions delivered/outstanding
	Resolved: That the minutes from the meeting on 25 th November 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.
4.	To receive feedback from groups looking at each of the revised objectives
	<p>Cllr Bowen and Andy Colledge provided a summary from the Business & Community sub group that had met in January. The village now has a diverse number of businesses that are well suited to their location in the village. The number of pedestrians has increased but the new village centre paving and road surface has not slowed traffic. Smaller independent businesses and startups should be welcomed and whilst the PC cannot determine the businesses, it can have an influence over the Use Class of a premises. More tourists are coming to the village, and the shortage of parking is becoming an increasing issue. The 30-minute spaces on the High Street car park are working well and give space for those calling into the village to shop for essential items. It was proposed that further spaces of this type would provide a fairer way of rationing parking.</p> <p>New developments (such as Hollydene and Church Street) should have public footpaths through them which promote walking to the village. There are lot of people working from home and a community business hub would be welcomed.</p> <p>It was noted that the public toilets are now looking old and tired and that the building could lend itself to a shelter if a location to the rear of the car park could be used for a new toilet block which would incorporate a much-needed</p>

	<p>disabled toilet. The library is an important facility and should be promoted. A village map to replace the current information board would make visitors aware of facilities such as Stables Lane Park and the additional car parks.</p> <p>The western end of the village at Deepdale/West End/Moor End lacks in facilities despite being densely populated. A shop on the site at Deepdale Community Centre would be easily accessible and have adequate parking. It is thought such a shop would be well used.</p> <p>There are still very few facilities for teenagers. Tomas Johnson proposed that the PC has a young person audit undertaken by LCC.</p> <p>It was proposed that the next meeting be used to consider the topic of energy. Tomas Johnson advised the group that the Leeds Local Plan is currently under development and that any policies defined by the NP should align with it. The timescale for the finalisation of the plan is likely to be 3-4 years.</p>
5.	To review any correspondence received
	None.
6.	To consider any urgent items or items for the next meeting
	Resolved: That energy be the topic of consideration at the next meeting.
7.	To confirm the date(s) of the next meeting
	Resolved: That the next meetings be held on Monday 3 rd March at 3pm and Monday 7 th April at 2pm.
	The meeting closed at 20:07