

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

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6.30pm

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

**Present:** Cllr Gail Bowen (Chair); Cllr Keith Blake; Cllr Penny Stables; David Faraday; Tomas Johnson (LCC),

**Apologies:** Keith Jackson; Andy Colledge.

**MINUTES**

1.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>
	Apologies had been received from Keith Jackson and Andy Colledge.
	<b>Resolved:</b> That the apologies from Keith and Andy be accepted.
2.	<b>Public Open Forum.</b> No members of the public attended the meeting.
3.	<b>To confirm the minutes from the last meeting and note any actions delivered</b>
	<b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes from the meeting on 22 April 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
4.	<b>To receive any further feedback from the digital consultation and set a closure date for submissions.</b>
	It was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next meeting when the information from the digital consultation could be examined.
5.	<b>To receive feedback on the review of objectives from the current Neighbourhood Plan.</b>
	Cllr Blake presented on the paper he had prepared and circulated. Discussion ensued and Cllr Blake agreed to make any recommended amendments to his paper. David Faraday presented on the paper he had prepared and circulated. Discussion ensued and David agreed to make any recommended amendments to his paper. It was agreed that this was a very useful process and would help us determine what the objectives of a revised plan should be and their scope. It was agreed that the other papers prepared would form the substance of the next meeting.
6.	<b>To consider the process for obtaining public content to revise the Plan.</b>
	Guidance was sought from Tomas about this process. It was considered that there was no need for a general vote to review the plan as this is not a necessary requirement in the neighbourhood planning process. A general sense that there was a need for a review would suffice, and assuming no significant objection to such. The group considered that there had been good evidence of both consultation and public engagement with such to date, for example, two public consultation events had been held; a digital consultation had been arranged and there had been a presentation on this item at a recent Annual Parish Meeting. There will be a further event which will form both

	information giving and consultation at the Village Festival in July. Following that meeting, assuming no significant objection to a review, it was agreed that a mandate for a review of the Neighbourhood Plan be assumed.
7.	<b>To review any correspondence received.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of the public had contacted Cllr Stables on a number of issues including Deepdale; cycle routes and the possibility of a swimming facility. These suggestions were explored.</li> <li>• Cllr Stables reported back from the Headteacher at St Mary's Primary School that the school had already held a competition to explore an 'Even Better Boston Spa' through artwork. The school was thanked for this work. It was agreed that with permission these pictures could be displayed at the Village Festival event in July.</li> </ul>
8.	<b>To consider any urgent items or items for the next meeting.</b>
	There were no other urgent items to consider.
9.	<b>To confirm the date of the next meeting.</b>
	<b>Resolved:</b> That the next meeting of NPAG be held on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June at 6.30.

**With no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.55. Members were thanked for their attendance and contribution to the work of the group.**