



## **Bury Village Neighbourhood plan**

Strategy meeting notes: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017

### **Attendees:**

Lisa Schiavo (acting chair)

Rachel White

Mike Tew

Alison Seery

Anne Cuthbert

Sue Williams

### **Guests:**

Mark Deas

Rachel Hogger

### **MEETING AIMS**

This was a Strategy meeting led by Mark Deas and Rachel Hogger.

We enlisted the help of Mark and Rachel to help us with the next stage of the plan. Mark and Rachel were tasked to put together a demographic study in order for us to develop our vision for Bury.

### **CENSUS FINDINGS**

Mark presented information he had obtained by studying the local census. Information gleaned from this should identify trends and help us to know our community.

The information was from the **2011** census so is slightly out of date but it is the most recent census.

Findings were as follows

There are **1900** residents in Bury living in **700** dwellings.

The age profile is typical for a village in that there are lots of school age children a lower amount of adults **25-35** with an increase in adults in their late **30's** and **40's**

There are a high percentage of residents who are **75+**

There are an average number of couples with and without children living in Bury.

Owner occupation is at **80%**

There are mostly detached houses

There is a low level of social housing and a low level of rented housing.

House prices are higher than Ramsey but lower than Huntingdonshire as a whole.

There is some evidence of housing need.

Many adults have high skilled occupations and commute outside of Bury, however not that many commute to London due to poor transport links.

On average people tended to claim health or disability related benefits rather than general employment benefits.

Mark stated that it would be beneficial to obtain more data by surveying local estate agents to get a demographic of who was moving into Bury and what their needs were.

It would also be useful to talk to health providers and schools to get up to date results.

## **OUR VISION**

Rachel Hogger highlighted her findings by discussing visions and themes for our plan.

We need to decide where we want to get to and what we want Bury to be like at the end of the plan period. We must bear in mind that the plan must be viable and we need to prioritize issues, working out what we can or can't include.

Items for our plan may in fact be covered by the parish council or by the national plan so should not be included in our vision.

We discussed new developments since our last meeting. Mike Tew informed us that due to Wyton on the hill developments, Upwood will be built on and that a new school will need to be built. There will be 40-60 houses on clinic site. 160 houses already have planning permission and they will go ahead. Because of Wyton there is a need to build more houses but people are very worried about infrastructure.

## **S.W.O.T**

Rachel highlighted the need for a s.w.o.t analysis, using the data she had received from our questionnaire and following a discussion we were able to add to a table she had compiled and discuss the issues within. The issues were separated into 4 categories.

**GOOD**

**BAD**

**THREATS**

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**TABLE OF RESULTS**

<b>GOOD</b> Rural characteristics Green spaces Local wildlife Access to countryside Village stores/burtons Village feel Community spirit	<b>THREATS</b> Urbanisation School is full Impact on health services Nurseries/childminders are full Integrating new community with old
<b>BAD</b> Shortage of new homes Shortage of employment Opportunities	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> Growth will support local shops and services

The question that followed was do we know all the issues?

In conclusion Rachel clarified that when the plan goes to examination it has to meet basic conditions it has to meet the conditions set out by the national planning policy framework or N.P.P.F; these issues **MUST** be local issues not strategic issues.

**EMERGING LOCAL PLAN**

The local plan is setting out its vision for Huntingdonshire and this is a spatial vision until 2026. There is to be an increase in wind energy and there is a Huntingdonshire design guide spd following a landscape and townscape assessment.

Bury is in Ramsey spatial area and needs 300 homes.

It has been highlighted as having poor transport infrastructure and employment opportunities.

There is a designated green corridor as part of the great fen project which means an area that is designated green space. There are highlighted areas of protection.

There are two green spaces which aren't in the emerging local plan and it would be prudent to look in to why they weren't allowed to be built on in the past.

10% of housing must be affordable.

**RAF UPWOOD** has planning for 450 homes with community facilities, transport and waste water.

Please note that there are far fewer policies in the emerging local plan

### **NEXT STEPS**

To draft a vision and take that out to community consultation

To meet with Huntingdonshire planning team

To liaise with Ramsey and Upwood.

To meet with estate agents and school

To meet with health professionals

Rachel and Mark have agreed to become silent strategic partners at this stage of the process.

Our next event is the open day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We plan to have display boards which have bullet points that take points from the census and our findings to open up discussions; this will hopefully lead us into another questionnaire the results of which will help us to draft a vision.

All documents and findings will be uploaded to the website when I receive the final copies.

Rachel would like an emailed copy of the map from larkfleet homes.

I think we all agreed that this was a very worthwhile and productive exercise which fostered renewed enthusiasm and focus on the plan after some time away.

Our next meeting will take place after the open event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Date TBC