

Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Plan

North Kesteven District Council notes that Bracebridge Heath Parish Council, at the meeting held on 6th September 2016, made the following resolutions:

- 1. That the authority delegated from Bracebridge Heath Parish Council to the group known in the first instance as Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to support all aspects of the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan is terminated with immediate effect.*
- 2. All documentation, consultation and submission created by the group known in the first instance as Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on behalf of Bracebridge Heath Parish Council for the development of a neighbourhood plan up to this point is cancelled and rendered inadmissible.*
- 3. That instructions are given to solicitors acting on behalf of Bracebridge Heath Parish Council to take appropriate steps against the group known in the first instance as Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group specifically with regard to issues arising from the actions of the group relating to the Data Protection Act (1998), and to provide legal advice on any other actions that are required.*

North Kesteven District Council have sought advice from Locality and other appropriate bodies. It is clear that the overall authority in the plan-making process remains in the control of the Parish Council as the qualifying body. The Parish Council is therefore within its rights to withdraw support for the neighbourhood plan or disband the steering group.

The neighbourhood plan process is meant to be prepared in partnership with the community, and the council had hoped that both the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would have been able to resolve the various issues, for the good of the residents of Bracebridge Heath.

As per the decision of Bracebridge Heath Parish Council, the work of the steering group is formally terminated. Therefore, no further support will be provided by NKDC officers to the Bracebridge Heath Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group as it no longer has any formal standing.

The District Council welcomes comments made by Bracebridge Heath Parish Council that it remains supportive of Neighbourhood Plans and as such this Council looks forward to being able to assist them with a future Neighbourhood Plan for Bracebridge Heath.

Philip Roberts, Corporate Director
30th September 2016