

Aylesbeare Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (B) Meeting
Minutes 11th December 2017

Attendees

Paul Brinton
Steve Greenslade
Jenny Meredith
Brett Mitchell
Bill Pearson

Apologies

Mark Fisher

Guest Attendees (for first 30 Minutes)

Alana Sayers – Farringdon Parish Council Clerk
Jim Marston – Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan Chairman

1. Developing a Neighbourhood Plan 8pm

The group talked the Farringdon NHP team through the steps the Aylesbeare NHP team had taken to secure funding, gain community engagement and develop the draft plan. The group discussed using independent consultants to help take forward the work, given that the majority of people on the NHP team work and are volunteers. We also discussed the importance of engaging with East Devon District Council NHP team at an early stage.

JM talked the group through the information Phil Twamley (EDDC) had recently provided regarding what items you should consider for inclusion in a NHP. The key points were:

- 1) Ensuring you list your valued green spaces
- 2) Consider the economy in your local area and how you could help this to grow and develop. The group discussed the importance of broadband to enable people to work from home or to start up a local business. AS outlined that Gigaclear are a provider that is able to provide broadband to rural areas if there are enough people interested in using their service. Vouchers from Connecting Devon and Cornwall are available to put towards the cost of installation.
- 3) Assigning areas for housing but think beyond simply allocating an area, you should also consider the characteristics of the buildings in your local area and which of these characteristics you would want to be reflected in any future buildings.

SG provided the Farringdon team with some additional contacts that they might find helpful to talk to before they embark on developing their own NHP. AS and JimM left the meeting at 8:30pm

2. Declarations of Interest

JM and BP are currently serving as Parish Councillors for Aylesbeare. PB is the owner of the Aylesbeare pub.

3. Finalising the NHP Questionnaire

SG outlined that he had received comments from Phil Twamley (EDDC) and Martin Parkes (Independent Consultation) on the draft questionnaire we had developed at the last meeting of the group.

Collectively the group read through each of the comments in turn. The group accepted the majority of comments that Phil and Martin had provided. The exceptions were: to not include the suggestion that the questionnaire should ask about the Withen Lane housing development. It was felt that if Parishioners vote to have a housing development in the Parish the options of where this could be sited should be consulted on again, with all possible options made available to Parishioners.

The second comment that wasn't accepted was to re-phrase the question to read 'Do you want the Parish to include policy for housing development to meet the local need in the Neighbourhood Plan?' The Committee felt this question was not as clear as simply asking if

people wanted a housing development and secondly that we do not have sufficient evidence of a housing need within the Parish at this time.

4. Next Steps

The Committee read through the final questionnaire and unanimously agreed its contents.

The Committee agreed they would develop an article for Topics magazine after the next meeting.

The Committee agreed that a copy of the final questionnaire would be shared with the Parish Council for information, before distributing across the Parish.

The next meeting will be held **on 9th January 2018 at 8pm** with the aim of agreeing the timing and distribution of the questionnaires.

The meeting closed at 21:30.