

Aylesbeare Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (B) Meeting

Minutes 17th May 2017

Attendees

Paul Brinton

Steve Greenslade

Jenny Meredith

Brett Mitchell

Bill Pearson

Apologies

Mark Fisher

1. Declarations of Interest

JM and BP declared that they are currently serving as Parish Councillors for Aylesbeare. PB is currently developing the Aylesbeare pub. BM declared the close proximity of his house to the possible site for future housing.

2. Introduction to new members of the Group

New members were welcomed to the Group. JM asked all of the new members of the Group to review the Terms of Reference and provide any comments or changes. The existing Terms of Reference for Steering Group (B) were unanimously agreed with no changes.

Key points to note:

- The Group agreed that there would be no Chair Person and instead the Chair would rotate at each meeting.
- Every member of the group would have a vote and no member would hold a casting vote.
- The Group would aim to meet every month (every other month at a minimum)
- The Group would continue to inform Parishioners of their work by writing in Topics
- October would remain as the proposed date for the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan
- The Group acknowledged that there was a limited amount of money available and therefore would develop, run and manage the consultation themselves (paying for Consultant expert advice where appropriate).

Action point: JM agreed to circulate information to the Group regarding the funding currently available to Steering Group (B).

Action Point: JM to contact Martin Parkes regarding advice on any further avenues of possible funding.

Action Point: PB agreed to speak to the former Chair of Steering Group (A) to identify possible additional routes for funding.

3. Review of the Contents of a Neighbourhood Plan

BP had undertaken a review of the information that should be contained within a Neighbourhood Plan and compared this to the existing draft Plan for Aylesbeare. The group agreed there were 4 areas that could be further expanded in the existing plan:

-Social Impacts: the group felt the current Aylesbeare Neighbourhood Plan has very limited information about impacts of the policies on individuals and groups in our community.

- Planning guidance: it was felt that this could be expanded to include clearer guidance about the types of things the community would want any future development/developer to have to comply with before building in Aylesbeare.

- Safety: the group felt there was very limited information about infrastructure improvements for the safety of Parishioners - for example street lighting, signage and pavements.

- Natural Environment: the group felt that flood planning and the Aylesbeare stream should be considered for inclusion.

4. Analysis of the Responses to the Consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan

JM had built on the analysis undertaken by Martin Parkes (the Neighbourhood Plan Consultant) to draw out the key points from responses to the consultation. There was a low number of responses to the consultation (19 households and 16 organisations). The analysis showed that of those that had responded to the Consultation, the majority agreed with: the Vision, Aims and Objectives; Natural Environment; Services and Facilities; and Transport and Parking. However the majority of residents that had responded disagreed with the housing development. The group were informed that the independent Consultant had recommended that, due to the recent building of the pub and new homes, Parishioners should be re-consulted on the issue of whether or not to include a housing development in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Steering Group (B) used the information from the analysis and the Consultant's recommendation to vote on whether to re-consult Parishioners. The Group unanimously voted to re-consult.

5. Next Steps

The group agreed that a short questionnaire would be produced and issued to every resident of the Aylesbeare Parish. This initial questionnaire should focus on the housing section of the Neighbourhood Plan only. It should seek views as to whether Aylesbeare should propose a specific site for future housing development. The questionnaire should be transparent and include information about the removal of requirements to build in the village from the Local Authority as well as the advantages and disadvantages of proposing such a site.

Action point: JM to produce a first draft of a possible questionnaire to discuss at the next meeting.

The group agreed that following the responses to this questionnaire it would then decide on the next steps for any further consultation to inform the finalisation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8pm on the 15th June at SG's house.

Action point: JM to type up the minutes from the meeting and the article for Topics. JM to circulate the minutes and Topics article for comment and agreement before sending them for publication.

The meeting closed at 21:10.