

**Minutes of the Meeting of Aylesbeare Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group held on Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 at Aylesbeare Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** John & Ruth Airdrie; Ken & Val Chun and David Timms

**In Attendance:** Martin Parkes and Tim Spurway

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**1. Apologies:** Mark Fisher and Stephen Greenslade

David welcomed Martin Parkes and Tim Spurway to the meeting.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> were approved by the committee (Proposed by John Airdrie and seconded by Ruth Airdrie).

**3. Update on the pub application:** Ken Chun reported that there was no further news about the pub application. He did have further news about the Play Area. The Parish Council were hoping to acquire the land that the play area is on, or at least to have it on a long lease. This is necessary in order to apply for grants to level and improve the Play Area. He has received a reply from EDDC stating that they wish to keep the land in case there is a need in the future to build more social housing. The Parish Council has written to the Chief Executive of EDDC querying this decision.

4. David Timms reported on the recent EDDC Neighbourhood Planning Seminar that he had attended. He found the seminar very useful. It was delivered in simple, plain English by a Neighbourhood Planning Inspector. It outlined what should be part of the Neighbourhood Plan (e.g. showing land for development) and also outlined what topics fell outside the Neighbourhood Plan (e.g. broadband, traffic calming, grass verges etc. which are the responsibility of the Parish Council).

5. Tim Spurway reported that EDDC now has a 5 year land supply which has to show that East Devon is providing enough houses. At least 17,000 new homes have to be built by 2031. If a point was reached when the District Council were not keeping up with this target then developers could move in with speculative land development, and could win permission to develop on appeal. This could negate the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans.

6. The committee looked at the analysis that had been drawn up from the Comment Forms handed in at the two open evenings in April. There were a few small amendments discussed by the committee. David will amend this document and circulate to committee members for approval before adding to the Neighbourhood Plan website.

7. It was not decided whether the plans presented at the open evenings should also be added to the website. This will be agreed by email to members of the steering group.

8. It was made clear that subjects such as improving mobile phone signals, Broadband speeds, grass verges etc. were not part of Neighbourhood Planning and should be passed to the Parish Council.

9. It was felt by the committee that the parishioners were not understanding what the Neighbourhood Plan was really about. It was agreed that the committee will prepare a News Letter and deliver it to the whole of the Parish to give people more information and correct any false rumours.

10. Martin Parkes to give a complete breakdown of the costs involved in bringing the Neighbourhood Plan to completion, which would include publication and printing costs. Tim Spurway also advised that we will need a Strategic Environmental Assessment, and will supply names of people qualified to complete this. This will require further funding.

11. Once we have an accurate list of the costs involved in completing the Neighbourhood Plan we can decide how much further grant money is required.

12. It was decided to have a Parish Council/ Neighbourhood Plan stall at the Village Fete on July 9<sup>th</sup>. David and Ken will run the stall.

No date was decided upon for the next meeting.