

Minutes of the Meeting of Aylesbeare Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group held on Thursday May 28th in Aylesbeare Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: John & Ruth Airdrie; Ken & Val Chun; Mark Fisher and David Timms(Chairman)

Apologies: Steve Greenslade

In attendance: Martin Parkes

Declarations of Interest: None

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 27th April were approved by the committee (Proposed - Val Chun, Seconded - David Timms)

Update: David reported that Paul Brinton has resigned from the committee - Paul felt that his position on the committee was incompatible with his business interests. David welcomed Mark Fisher who has joined the Steering Group and confirmed that he has made contact with the Village Hall Committee regarding future co-operation and involvement.

David has established that we do not need to conduct a housing needs survey as one was carried out only a few years ago.

David confirmed that the £18.00 underspend on the grant has been returned to Locality.

Ken Chun reported that the Parish Council are very supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan. He has had various responses from local landowners, several of whom have shown interest in developing land around the village. However the Neighbourhood Plan would have to show how any development would aid the sustainability of the village, and would also depend on if the Local Plan goes through in its present form. As the results of the questionnaire held on our Open Day supported only a very small amount of development it was decided that the committee would not pursue any of this kind of development further.

Martin Parkes (Consultant) Devon Communities Together/Catalyst It was decided to engage Martin's services for the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan, which will be to design a questionnaire for the Parish

with professionally designed questions to maximise the information from responses, in order for him to provide professional data analysis. We also need to prepare a Vision Statement which need only consist of one or two sentences. Key themes and objectives for the questionnaire are;

1. Houses and Village Green
2. Sport and Social Amenities -some section 106 money is available but any additional sporting facilities would cause an increase in the Parish Precept as these facilities will have to be maintained.
3. Road safety and parking
4. Heritage and landscape planning e.g. area around the church, preserving agricultural and rural landscape.
5. Broadband - not much can be done about this other than perhaps lobby BT, DCC etc.

It was decided that the Parish Survey should be conducted in the autumn (September time).

Martin Parkes is to submit an accurate estimate of his costs, and Ken and David are to meet in early July to evaluate the actual costs.

Locality Funding - we can apply for amounts of any size up to a maximum of £8,000.00.

The Steering Group agreed that we needed to engage more actively with the community. It was agreed that we would have a stall at the Village Fete on July 11th. David agreed to ensure (via Steve Greenslade) that the Facebook page would be kept up to date. He will also provide a regular Neighbourhood Plan update in 'Topics', starting in July.

Ken also thought that personal visits to local groups to talk about the Neighbourhood Plan would be useful.

Next Meeting - Thursday 30th July at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.