

Minutes of the Meeting of Aylesbeare Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group held on Thursday 30th July in Aylesbeare Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Ken & Val Chun; Mark Fisher; Steve Greenslade; Kathryn Crompton and David Timms (Chairman)

Apologies: John and Ruth Airdrie

In attendance: Martin Parkes

Declarations of Interest: None

David welcomed Kathryn Crompton, as the representative for the Village Hall Management Committee, to the meeting and also thanked Martin Parkes for attending. Kathryn has now become a member of the steering group.

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Thursday 28th May, were approved by the committee (Proposed Ken Chun, seconded Mark Fisher).

Update: David informed the committee that the grant of £3,476.00 had been approved by Locality. The consultant's fees for the creation and analysis of the survey would be £2,100.00, printing would cost £156.00 and the hire of the Village Hall for 5 meetings would cost £100.00. The consultant would charge a further £1,120.00 for data input, based on an 80% return of questionnaires. Any remaining money would be returned to Locality.

David has to complete an acceptance form for the grant. Ken Chun will be named on the form as Chair of the Parish Council. Details of the Parish Council's Account etc. is to be obtained from Lynn Parker, Parish Clerk.

Update on Pub Development: Ken Chun informed the committee that the fact that the pub has been registered as a Community Asset would only be useful if it came up for sale. Paul Brinton has been asked (by letter) if he is willing to sell the pub and for how much, but to date he has not replied. The Planning Application for a new pub and three houses has been amended, but with only minor amendments. Paul Brinton has been told by the EDDC Planning Department that the new pub must be operational before he can sell the houses. District Councillor Matt Coppel is objecting to the application, therefore the application has to go before the Planning Committee.

There will be a public meeting in the Village Hall on the 17th August at 7.30pm to discuss the application, which Paul Brinton has been invited to attend. It has been advertised on the Village Noticeboards, on the website and a flyer will be inserted in 'Topics'.

Fete Stall: twenty people had filled in comment slips when visiting the Neighbourhood Plan stall at the Village Fete, ten of which asking for the pub to be retained. Concern was expressed for the implications of Straitgate Farm Quarrying plans. There was also a suggestion that there should be a letters page in 'Topics'. It was estimated that 10% of the fete attendees visited our stall.

Meeting with George Cann: David, Ken and John met with George and Rosemary Cann and their agent Ed Haynes. It was pointed out that the Village Green had to be for the public, not a garden for the proposed houses. Mr & Mrs Cann agreed to produce a new plan for the committee to discuss. The proposed development must be in the Neighbourhood Plan for it to happen, and the Canns said they were happy to work with the NP committee.

Martin Parkes: Martin has already spoken to Ed Haynes who made the point that he had to advise the Canns what was best for them and would let the committee know how many houses they would like to build on the site.

Martin outlined the questions that could be asked in the questionnaire. The first would ask parishioners about what kind of development they wished to see in the parish, how much development they would like, what kind of housing, whether it should be a one-off development or just infill development etc.

There would also be questions about Sport & Local Amenities, Road Safety and Planning and Heritage and Landscape.

Parishioners would be asked to give their age and full postcode. Returns will be kept anonymous. The questionnaires will be hand delivered and can be completed on line if required. Everyone in a household will be given a chance to respond irrespective of age.

Martin hopes to have the questionnaire ready in draft form by August 14th. David will e-mail it to committee members for their comments.

Questionnaire to be distributed: w/b 28th September

To be collected by the 15th October 2015.

Next Meeting: Thursday August 20th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm.