

Minutes of the Meeting of the Aylesbeare Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group held on Thursday 12th February 2015 in Aylesbeare Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: John & Ruth Airdrie; Steve Greenslade and David Timms.

Apologies: Ken & Val Chun; Paul Brinton

In attendance: Martin Parkes, Tim Spurway and Exeter University Student shadowing Martin Parkes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 December 2014 were approved by the members of the committee.

Update position on bridging grant: David Timms informed the Group that a grant of £3,344 had been applied for which had been accepted and would be in the Parish Council account by 17 February. Invoices would be sent to the Parish Council and presented at this meeting for approval at beginning March.

Update on the emerging Local Plan: Tim Spurway explained that the emerging plan still had more work to be done on it to be completed after inspection in order to justify 5% growth. Villages are being reassessed for sustainability. Implication for Aylesbeare is that it will lose its current allocation of five dwellings due to lack of sustainability and revert to the status of open countryside for planning purposes. **Therefore, no further development allowed in Aylesbeare under the emerging Local Plan by East Devon.** There is the potential that the Neighbourhood Plan could stimulate local growth evidenced with sustainability and supported by the local community but would need to be sufficiently evidenced to override the Local Plan.

The Open Day when consulting with the village community should communicate plans of various options and needs to determine what the village wants and encourage community ownership of the future of the village. This is very important for a future steer for the village and leadership is essential to give options.

Support from East Devon covered all stages of the Local Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) and guidance notes would be available from the East Devon website which would contain links to useful tools for every step of the process of developing a

LNP. Funding to support local communities would be available after April 1 with a maximum value £8K.

Update on the financial management of grant: Steve Greenslade reiterated that a robust workable procedure had been put in place with the Parish Council Clerk.

Reports from allocated work:

- Parish Plan - Val & Ken Chun had circulated the review of the Aylesbeare Parish Plan and confirmed that they had sent out letters to landowners. The list of landowners in the parish is to be updated and completed. All responses to be sent to Martin Parkes.
- EDDC and DCC data - John & Ruth Airdrie had obtained EDDC data from Tim Spurway which had been circulated. John Airdrie reported that Devon County farms were leased from Clinton Estates which had been approached on the future of the three farms in question. Still awaiting a response from Clinton Estates. Response to be chased and response reported to Martin Parkes
- Contact local landowners/stakeholders - David Timms reported about the plans for developing the area behind the pub by George and Rosemary Cann to accommodate 10 semi-detached houses and 2 other properties with a village green.
- Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page - Steve Greenslade reported that the facebook and email page are up and running from the Aylesbeare Parish Council webpage. Steve will monitor traffic on these. Any items to share to be emailed to Steve
- Article in Topics and contact local organisations - David Timms reported that a flyer had gone in Topics that had been distributed. A letter was sent to all groups. The responses to date mentioned the following points:
 - Aylesbeare Short Mat Bowling Club - would like new residents active in the club
 - Topics - no direct comments but would like new members to join the team and keep the publication going
 - Friends of Aylesbeare Church - anxious to preserve area around the church and the church yard. Would welcome an increase in the population to increase the numbers in membership

- Table Tennis Club - struggling for membership. If increase in population of the village there may be the possibility of a tennis court, and cricket club and pavilion

Update on current position and further allocation of work - Martin Parkes explained that he was developing an Aylesbeare Neighbourhood Plan Communication and Engagement Strategy and circulated the first draft which would evolve to a consultation document about engagement. This will be made publically available on the website. Martin to email the document to David Timms and the other members

In order to further populate this document with information any responses in the various work streams are to be sent to Martin by the end of February - David Timms to email and remind all to do this

The vision statement of the LNP is to be compiled after the local consultation event. Evidence from this consultation will identify the aims and the options to fulfil these aims which will then form policies in the LNP. A consultation is subsequently required for six weeks in the parish. Any amendments required are then incorporated and the document is sent to EDDC for a further six weeks consultation period. Finally the LNP is submitted to an independent examiner and then a referendum takes place.

Launch of community event in village hall 25 April - outcome should be that a space is created that people can feel they can influence the LNP on any aspect of village life or living and record what they say. Need to reach as many people as possible and be family friendly.

EDDC have a financial allocation for engaging children in community events. David Timms to contact Sulina Tallack of EDDC to find out more

Maps are available from EDDC which when requested are printed free of charge. Gathering of both private and public comments needs to be facilitated and comments also obtained using social media.

A launch event planning group to be formed to plan and organise the event - David Timms and John & Ruth Airdrie to take forward

Matters arising

- All information from tasks to be returned to Martin by second week March
- Section 106 monies for community use were discussed. Current budget held by EDDC for Aylesbeare is approximately £15K. Guidance on how this money could be spent is required. David Timms to seek advice from EDDC
- Tim Spurway informed the Group that in the future a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was to be introduced to run alongside Section 106. If a NP is adopted then the Parish can claim 25% of CIL enforced with East Devon. If NP not adopted then Parish can claim 15% only of the CIL.

Next Meeting: Thursday 26 March 2015 at 7.30pm at 4 Minchin Orchard, Village Way, Aylesbeare. One agenda item will be to identify the future role of our Consultant.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.