

Minutes of the Meeting of Aylesbeare Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group held on Thursday 29th October 2015 in Aylesbeare Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Ruth Airdrie; Ken & Val Chun; Kathryn Crompton; Mark Fisher and David Timms

Apologies: John Airdrie and Steve Greenslade

In attendance: Martin Parkes; Tim Spurway

Declarations of Interest: None

David welcomed Martin and Tim to the meeting and explained to them that Kathryn was also the representative for the Village Hall Committee.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th August were approved by the committee (Proposed by Mark Fisher and seconded by Ken Chun).

Update on Pub Application: Ken Chun had very little further information on this subject. He did however inform the committee that a revised elevation had been submitted to the Planning Department at EDDC showing smaller windows on the corner and velox windows in the roof instead of dormer windows. This revised application would be considered by the Parish Council at their next meeting. Ken also informed the meeting that government grants are available to buy public houses if there is anyone interested to buy from within the parish. Martin Parkes has further information on how to buy a pub as a community asset which he will e-mail to committee members.

Delivery and Collection of the Questionnaire: David Timms reported that 16 volunteers had delivered questionnaires to 245 properties in the parish. 68% of the questionnaires had either been collected, or returned by post or e-mail to Devon Communities Together. Feedback has generally been positive with only two complaints.

Survey Results: Martin Parkes felt there had been a good response to the questionnaire, with 59% support for question 1 option 2. He felt that it was necessary to explore the concerns of those who were against the development and answer some of the concerns expressed. One way of doing this would be to insert a flyer in 'Topics' for December to address issues arising from Question 1. A link can be supplied to the website and an e-mail address is available for comments.

Martin hopes to have the final analysis of the survey completed by next week and it will be made available for all to read on the website.

Tim Spurway can give guidance on planning to ensure the provision of the village green within the development and its maintenance. Locality can also offer technical support.

The questionnaire also asked what facilities the parishioners would like to see in the village. The most popular was a multi-use hard court. Ken Chun will approach EDDC about a site for this facility.

Vision Statement: It was decided that the Vision Statement should be formulated from the answers to Question 8 on the survey (The qualities that make Aylesbeare a special place to live). After previous discussions and as a starting point David read out the Vision Statement to date. This would be e-mailed to committee members for them to consider and add to or amend. The aim is to have, after further amendment, a Vision Statement in place before the next meeting.

Matters Arising: Kathryn Crompton asked the opinion of Committee Members concerning skittles being played in the Village Hall whilst the pub is closed. David had spoken to some of his neighbours living near the Hall and had received no negative feedback. Kathryn told the committee work still needed to be done about the nights the Hall could be available, whether a licence would be applied for, the size of the Hall, parking, noise factor etc..

David has to make a return to Locality on how the grant has been spent. Martin has to finish the work on the survey, then present his invoice. Ken needs to speak to Lynn about raising a cheque to pay for the work done.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th December at 7.30pm