

NP committee meeting (6th December 2016)

Attending: Keith Williams (KWi), Tim Cox (TC), Martin Parkes (MP), Tim Spurway [EDDC] (TS)

Actions from the last meeting

Action 1: TC to contact printers and obtain deadline for having the questionnaire with them in order for 320 copies to be printed and returned to the shop by around 25th November. - *Done*

Action 2: KWi to amend questionnaire with agreed changes and pass to KWo for review. - *Done*

Action 3: KWo to provide question on renewable energy - *Done*

Action 4: MP to provide wording for question on housing (with preamble on how many houses had been built in last 14 years) and the question on the feel of/vision for the parish in 2030. - *Done*

Action 5: MP to lay out the questionnaire with columned tables for the answers. - *Done*

Action 6: MP to make up online version of the survey. - *Done*

Action 7: All to ask friends and family to review questionnaire and feedback any required changes ASAP. - *Done*

Action 8: KWi and TC to discuss return of paper questionnaires again with councillors at the next parish council meeting. - *Done*

Action 9: KWi to contact parish paper to confirm December distribution and agree logistics. - *Done*

Action 10: MP to ask Tim Spurway (EDDC) to attend next meeting and find out availability for early December. - *Done*

Notes from this meeting

The questionnaire was distributed as planned. Only issue noted so far was omission of 'The Studio' from the question on community facilities. This was quickly added to the online version. To date there have been 9 online responses and 11 paper questionnaires returned.

TS was updated with where we were up to and he indicated that we were generally doing the right things and on track. TS outlined the range of information available on the EDDC website to support neighbourhood planning, including guides on, for example, site allocation. TS also said that EDDC could provide information on businesses in the parish (from non-domestic rate paying data), mapping facilities and display boards for community consultation. At present, 4 NP's in East Devon have successfully passed review (East Budleigh, Clyst St Mary, Stockland, Lypstone), hence relevant policies in these may be of use. TS reiterated that he was generally available to provide advice.

KWi asked if there was anything which NP groups often get wrong. TS replied that many parishes are afraid to get into details and end up just repeating policies in the EDDC local plan. He encouraged us to really get into local detail, especially with regard to policies. TS said another important factor in successfully passing inspection is to ensure that any site allocation is robust and achievable. Using the previous work done on the SHLAA sites could help with this.

KWi asked whether there was scope to allow windfall housing within the NP, given the need to be broadly consistent with the local plan which has allocated all of Payhembury as rural. TS indicated that there is scope for including a small number of houses providing that there is a reasoned argument, supported by evidence that there is a need for housing of that type. It should also follow the general EDDC policy of at least 66% of new housing being affordable. TS said that the ideal would be to allocate a site for any new houses in the NP, however if this cannot be done, it might still be possible to effectively allow windfall developments within the existing built up area by specifying clear criteria. No group has successfully reinstated their boundary though.

TC asked whether the inspector was local to the area. TS replied that the inspector is independent and hence unlikely to be familiar with the parish. He/she will undertake a visit the parish as part of the inspection, but there will be no face-to-face contact. Although the NP needs to be formally submitted to EDDC and they can provide comments, it's not necessarily the case that we need to implement the comments if we can provide an argument to the inspector on why we've rejected them.

Next steps were discussed. MP indicated that nothing more could really be done until data from the questionnaires had been analysed (probably early Feb).

Actions from this meeting

Action 1: KWo to laminate a put up questionnaire reminder posters (agreed prior to meeting).

Action 2: KWi to collect completed paper questionnaires from the shop and pass to MP as he passes through on December 16th (we'll follow up later with any returns after that date).

Action 3: MP to arrange next meeting once questionnaire data have been analysed (probably early Feb).