

NP committee meeting (6th March 2017)

Attending: Keith Williams (KWi), Tim Cox (TC), Iestyn John (IJ), Martin Parkes (MP)

Apologies: Kevin Wooff (KWo)

Actions from the last meeting

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

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). - *Done*

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

Notes from this meeting

MP had circulated a draft analysis of the parishioner survey ahead of the meeting. MP summarised the main themes coming out of the survey. Some of these (e.g. transport) are only tenuously connected to the NP and will be taken forward by the parish council. MP suggested three topics which should be followed up for the NP:

- Housing
- Needs of Businesses
- Renewable energy

Regarding housing, the survey showed a general desire for more 'affordable' housing (the group believed most people meant smaller, cheaper houses rather than necessarily the official definition of 'affordable'). There are two possible ways forward. 1) The NP could just indicate that infill housing should be limited to 1-3 bedroom houses. There was discussion regarding whether we could reinstate a sensible village boundary to identify where infill was acceptable. Tim Spurway (EDDC) had previously been against this, however IJ thought it could be challenged. Realistically, following this option is unlikely to deliver housing for those with an official affordable housing need as it wouldn't be economically viable. 2) A housing needs survey could be undertaken. This would have a comparable cost to the parishioner survey but has not been budgeted for. It would also require postal responses as more personal information would be collected. There was discussion regarding whether it could be afforded. TC asked MP whether an estimate and sample survey could be provided. KWi and TC agreed to raise the issue at the parish council meeting. If the housing needs survey showed a requirement for official affordable housing (expected a need for 2-4 affordable properties to be identified), it is likely that a site would then need to be found (with possible further unbudgeted cost). If this were a brownfield site then additional larger housing may be required to make the site economically viable. No decision was reached on these two options – will consider again after discussions with the parish council and information from MP.

To investigate further the needs of businesses and those wishing to work from home, MP suggested arranging an evening or weekend event in the parish hall, inviting those who showed interest on the survey, but also an open invite in the parish paper. The event would brainstorm the needs of

businesses, particularly any requirements for additional business premises, extensions to houses for live/work etc.

MP proposed a similar weekend/evening event to take forward the community renewable energy work. Again, from the NP point of view, of particular interest are any requirements for land use.

MP is continuing to gather background evidence.

Actions from this meeting

Action 1: MP to make minor corrections and provide a final version of the survey analysis (ideally by March 15th so that it can be put on the website and advertised in the April parish paper).

Action 2: MP to provide sample housing needs survey and estimate of the cost (ideally ahead of parish council meeting on the 8th).

Action 3: KW_i and TC to take issue of cost of housing needs survey to the parish council.

Action 4: NP team to reconsider whether to undertake housing needs survey following discussions with parish council and above information from MP.

Action 5: MP to provide email addresses for those interested in working from home and those interested in community renewable energy.

Action 6: MP to provide guidelines for how to structure a business needs meeting.

Action 7: KW_i, TC and IJ to arrange a business needs meeting, inviting those who provided an email address directly and advertising in the parish paper.

Action 8: KW_o (with help from others) to arrange a community renewable energy meeting along similar lines to the business needs meeting.