

<p align="center">EXBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p align="center">Minutes of monthly meeting held in the Village Hall on 24th November 2016</p>
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Present:

Adam Hedley (AH) Michael Brady (MB) Sally Hordern (SK) Dorothy Gennard (DG)
 Gaye Langham (GL)

Action

1	<p>Apologies: Sally Kenealy, Nick Kenealy, Shaugna Robertson</p>	
2	<p>Public Speaking Time</p> <p>Two members of public attending the meeting were invited to speak. They were concerned that Great Rookery Orchard had been identified as a potential site for development in the latest consultation exercise for Plymouth and South West Devon's Joint Local Plan ('JLP').</p> <p>The Group acknowledged that the site was currently designated an "Important Open Space" in the adopted Local Plan and likely to be valued as such by many members of the community. However, AH explained that the Neighbourhood Plan Group is generally reluctant to comment on the suitability of sites that have been identified as potential development sites in the JLP to avoid potential accusations of prejudice in a future community consultation exercise. AH encouraged them to make their personal views clear by providing a response to the consultation.</p>	
3	<p>Joint Local Plan</p> <p><u>New Sites</u></p> <p>As previously discussed with the members of public present, 3 further sites in Exbourne had been submitted to be considered for development in the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment ('SHELAA') being prepared for the JLP. One of these sites (Great Rookery Orchard) had been identified as suitable for consideration for potential development whereas the others have been rejected.</p> <p>The Group discussed questioning the rejection of the "Court Barton" site, which is a strip of land running along the North West side of Stowe Lane.</p> <p>It was noted that, in responses to the late 2015 Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, the two biggest issues identified by the community as areas for improvement in Exbourne were traffic and parking. Access to the Court Barton site could be gained directly from the A3072, meaning its development would be unlikely to generate much additional traffic through the village. Also, the site's proximity to the village centre means that some relief for the parking issues on High Street could potentially be provided as part of its development.</p> <p>For these reasons, it was thought the community should at least have the opportunity to consider this site as a potential development site through the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process. The Group did not consider questioning the rejection of a particular site based on established evidence as prejudicial to any future community consultation exercise on potential development sites.</p> <p>It was agreed that AH would prepare a draft response and circulate to the Group for comments before also obtaining Parish Council approval.</p> <p><u>Village Sustainability Assessment</u></p>	AH

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	<p>AH had circulated the interim results of the village sustainability assessments that had been prepared by the Plymouth and South West Devon Strategic Planning team. As expected, Exbourne had scored quite highly, meaning a potentially significant allocation of suggested housing growth for the village in the JLP.</p> <p>The assessment was discussed at length by the Group with various arguments put forward to reduce the scores awarded in respect of certain facilities. AH agreed to draft a response to the Strategic Planning team proposing a revised assessment for Exbourne with accompanying justification for the amendments. AH agreed to circulate this to the Group for comments in advance of presenting it to the Parish Council for approval.</p>	AH
4	<p>Building The Evidence Base</p> <p>Progress was being made with various sections of the report.</p> <p>AH agreed to send DG the Community Facilities, Health and Wellbeing section to complete, as this would include the majority of the Open Spaces narrative in line with the layout of National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>AH reported that the Kenealy's had promised an updated version of the Transport and Communications section of the Evidence Base report shortly.</p> <p>MB was focussing on the Conservation Area Appraisal but had also been working on housing design and it was agreed he should continue with this exercise.</p> <p>AH repeated his aim to be in a position to provide Stuart Todd with a first draft of the Group's Evidence Base Report at the beginning of January. The key questions and messages arising from each section of the report would then be presented to the community at the consultation day in May.</p>	AH NK/SK
5	<p>Publicity</p> <p>SH agreed to devise a publicity campaign strategy leading up to the community consultation day on May 6th. This would consider actions that could be undertaken in each of the months leading up to the consultation day to raise awareness and engage the public.</p>	SH
6	<p>Finance</p> <p>AH circulated a spreadsheet at the meeting analysing the £2,122.45 that had been spent of the Neighbourhood Plan grant in the 6 month funding period from 15 May to 14 November 2016. The majority related to fees invoiced by the planning consultant, Stuart Todd Associates.</p> <p>Unspent funds of £4,827.55 would be returned to Locality. It was noted that a large proportion of this had been budgeted for the community consultation day that was originally planned for September. Unfortunately, this had been postponed as a result of the Local Authority's delay in producing a draft Local Plan.</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
8	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 5th January 2017, 7:30pm in the Burrow.</p>	ALL

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