

Membury Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 2014 AT THE MEETING PLACE AT 4.00 P.M.

Present: Alex, Jeremy, Samantha, Jason, Mark Burrough, Beryl, Heather

1. Apologies for Absence: John Watkins, Nick Yool.

2. Housing

Alex and Jason had been to Hastoe's - a firm that does community housing and builds good houses with regards to peoples' needs and uses the latest technology for efficient energy saving homes.

There followed a discussion on:-

- a) Housing needs in the village
- b) The need to be allowed to say who is eligible for the new housing in the village
- c) Who would take responsibility for this.
- d) The need to differentiate between affordable and sheltered housing

It was agreed that until we had the answers back from the Questionnaire that had been delivered to every household in the village, we could not recognise what housing the villagers thought we needed. It was hoped to have this information by the end of August.

Alex to contact Sue & Tracey from the Devon Rural Housing Partnership to arrange a housing needs survey. **Action Alex**

Alex to speak with Claire Rodway to see if there were local Affordable Housing projects we could visit and also parish contacts to see how they have worked; pitfalls and suggestions **Action: Alex**

3. Housing Needs survey

After discussion it was agreed that we needed to request a Housing Needs Survey for the parish from Community Council of Devon as this would augment the feedback from the Exhibition and Questionnaire. Alex to liaise with PC and contact Janice Alexander & Sue Southwell (who had visited us before) to initiate.

Action: Alex & Nick

4. Sustainability Appraisal Framework for Blackdown Hills Neighbourhood Plans

It was agreed that the draft Membury Plan of some 380 pages should be split into smaller sections and Alex would distribute the relevant section to the members of the Steering Group most able to deal with it.

5. Time Date and Place of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 10th September, 2014 at The Meeting Place.