

Minutes of 15th meeting of the Chew Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group at Hinton Blewett Village Hall on 21st September 2015

Present: Liz Richardson, chairman (Ward Cllr), Richard Ireland (West Harptree), Lucy Holt & Hilary Collins (Ubley), Nick Scholefield & Nick Hasell (Chew Magna), Nick Baker (Chew Stoke), Chris Craig (Compton Martin - new member), Stuart Jagger (East Harptree), John Howells & Helen Jackson Brown (Hinton Blewett), Tim warren (BANES)

The Minutes were taken by John Howells Librarian.

Declaration of interest – no interest declared.

1) Apologies:

Liz Brimmell, Andrij Jurkiw, Axel Palmer, Felicity James, Jane Griffiths.

2) Minutes of meeting held 20th July 2015.

No minutes available. To be agreed at next meeting

3) Feedback from Community Infrastructure Levy Meeting

Liz reported on the CIL meeting and reminded PC reps that their PCs needed to make a decision on how they prefer CIL to be allocated, monitored and spent. Liz also asked that PCs consider the possibility to have the CVNP stipulate the allocation process for any new affordable housing built in the NP Area, i.e. parish first, then the other parishes in the CVNP second*, then B&NES.

*N.B. the usual process is to offer to “neighbouring parishes”

Richard asked that an email go to the PCs to ensure it was on the agenda.

Action: Liz to email PCs re a CIL allocation decision.

4) Feedback from Options Consultation events

Liz reported that not many forms had been completed with approx 30 plus were in so far. There were some online as well. She asked if all members present had completed one. She reported specific notes on some responses by people who wished to note their appreciation for the hard work being done on the CVNP. A definite message was coming through on things such as: the dark Sky policy, Sky line and Broadband. Chew Magna car park was an interesting issue and the thought was to include a suggested site in the CVNP.

Group Leaders found some encouragement from people at the meetings and although the response was disappointing the meeting felt that the silent majority were in favour. In order to get the best response at the voting stage (2016) the suggestion is to do short presentations at village meetings such as Parish Council, WI, gardening groups etc.

Action: Agenda item for next meeting to compile a list of groups to target.

5) Next Steps

There is a meeting for sub group leaders on 12th October to discuss the presentation but Hilary (Housing) still has a huge amount of work to do. She needs photos, art work, housing materials for each parish. Chew Magna have done a lot of work on housing details but other parishes could help by providing relevant details to Hilary. Please contact her to check on what would be helpful.

Regarding a date for voting the suggestion agreed was for Spring 2016 and to be linked with the PCC Referendum in May 2016.

Tim Warren to check that our election can be on the same date.

6) In Depth Housing Survey

Louise Davidson (BANES) has funds available for a housing survey on affordable housing. The thought was that members of public would not wish to complete anymore surveys at the moment and if BANES wished to complete one that would be OK and we could perhaps use the results. Hilary will discuss with Louise.

7) Parish Assets

Please provide details including shops, halls, pubs etc.

8) Finance

Felicity advised nothing to report. Balance c £2400. There was still no response regarding recovery of VAT. Tim suggested that Liz spoke to expert at BANES for help.

9) Any Other Business

Tim spoke about the Chew Valley area Forum and that all steering group members would find the meetings (next one 15th October) beneficial.

Hilary mentioned that some Parish councillors are not clear on planning issues and suggests training or a presentation. Tim advised that BANES do training and it can be arranged for councillors and members of the public.

10) Date of next meeting – Monday 19th October 2015