

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### OF THE THURLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Held in the Yeo Room of the Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Tony Goddard (Chairman) (AG), Kit Marshall (KM), Jill Munn (JM), Robin MacDonald (RM), Alan Taylor Bigg (ATB), Charlie Mitchelmore (CM), Judy Pearce (JP)

**Apologies:** Chris White, Peter Hurrell

The Chairman welcomed Gary Luddington (GL) as a new member to the committee.

**Minutes of the last Meeting:** These were agreed as a true record

**Matters arising:** None which would not be picked up on the agenda.

**Designation:** The Chairman confirmed that designation of Thurlestone Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area had been confirmed.

#### **Report on the Bantham Estate:**

A report by Nicholas Johnston, the new owner of the Estate, was circulated to the committee on the understanding that it would be treated in confidence. This proposed development in Thurlestone, Bantham and West Buckland. The report stated that there had already been some contact with planners at SHDC. Some discussion took place about the proposed development and it was decided that an open mind should be maintained. RM asked if anything would be available for the next edition of Village Voice and the Chairman agreed to enquire of the Estate. Meanwhile, the committee was reminded that the Bantham Estate report was submitted on the condition that its contents were to be kept confidential between the Bantham Estate and committee members.

#### **The Survey:**

A draft survey was circulated and introduced by ATB. Questions and discussion followed. JP wondered if the questions were too focussed on the development aspect rather than more general questions encouraging views and concerns from respondees.

The following actions were agreed:

- The survey would include general demographic questions
- JP to send the short Salcombe survey to ATB, copying in AG
- Everyone to highlight two questions they would like asked in the survey and to send them to ATB
- Everyone to try to write a vision statement and to send it to AG

#### **Arrangements for Survey and Community Meeting:**

It was agreed that the referendum electorate would be the registered voters in the parish, but there was some discussion as to whom else if possible should be reached by the survey and consequently, what methods should be used for it – paper, or on-line, or both.

It was decided that it would be useful to invite Phil Baker, Planning Policy Officer from SHDC, to update the committee before any firm decision were taken. AG agreed to try to engage

him for a Thursday evening within the next four weeks, to help move things on. It was proving increasingly difficult to run in tandem with SHDC's 'Our Plan', as progress on this seemed very delayed.

**Availability of Funding:**

AG explained that we needed to budget in advance for the £8000 (approximately) available to us. It was anticipated much of this would be needed to get a professional planner to write the text of the policies and other plan details. JP mentioned pro bono officer time available through Planning Aid and AG agreed to ask Phil Baker about this.

**Date of the next meeting:** AG to circulate when arrangements have been made with Phil Baker.