

MINUTES OF THE THURLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Held in the Yeo Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday 1 May 2018 at 4 p.m.

Present: Tony Goddard (Chairman) (AG), Sue Crowther (SC), David Houghton (DH) Robin McDonald (RM) Kit Marshall (KM), Charlie Mitchelmore (CM), Judy Pearce (JP), Chris White (CW).

- 1. Apologies:** Gary Luddington (GL), Jill Munn (JM), David Martin (DM).
- 2. The Minutes of the last meeting** were agreed.
- 3. Matters arising not on the agenda:** None.
- 4. Examination Update:** SC and SHDC had completed fact checks for the Examiner. The final report had been received just before the meeting and SC read the Examiner's conclusion to those present. She then mentioned a couple of features: the Examiner had praised the engagement process, and particularly our efforts to engage with all parts of the community, including local businesses, second home owners, children and other age groups, to ensure they could all make a contribution to the Plan's preparation. He had approved of the settlement boundaries around Buckland and Bantham, and felt the principal residence requirement had been properly justified.
- 5. Implementation, Review and Planning:** The present weight of the Plan was discussed with particular reference to an item to be discussed by the Development Management Committee at South Hams the following day. The Committee would have to have regard to the NP since it had now been through examination. There then followed a discussion regarding the possibility of setting up a planning working group to assist the Parish Council with the future monitoring, review and updating of the Plan, in accordance with the neighbourhood planning regulations. The group could also flag up policies in the Plan to assist the PC formulate its consultee responses to planning applications, which it could direct to the PC through the parish clerk. SC had volunteered to chair the group and decide on its membership. She said it would be important for the group to work closely with JP, who would be aware of any relevant changes in planning policy, and able to liaise with SHDC. The PC Chairman had indicated at the annual PC meeting that he was in favour of such a group and it was agreed TG should draft a letter to him setting out the purpose of the group with draft terms of reference. This letter would be circulated to the Steering Group for approval before it was sent. DH questioned what would happen to the present Steering Group and it was agreed that it would be disbanded.

6. **Community Led Housing:** JP and SC had met Rob Ellis and Alex Rehaag from SHDC. A community land trust would seem the best solution, but officers are unwilling to get involved until the parish has identified a site. Consequently, the project has been parked until after the Referendum. *[This project would need to be passed to the PC.]*
7. **Heritage reports:** TG still has to finalise the report for Bantham, but Gillian Marshall and Chris White had completed the Thurlestone one, and Kay Barry and David Martin the Buckland one. TG was reminded that the 'Danger, Go Slow' Notice had started to come away from the wall at the end of the Sloop cottages in Bantham. *[This project would also need to be passed to the PC.]*
8. **The Garage:** It was agreed that initially an application should be made to SHDC to list the garage as an Asset of Community Value. *[The PC would need to make the application]* A short discussion then followed as to whether the Steering Group could do anything to facilitate its future commercial or community use. It was suggested that relevant businesses at Churchstow Business Park might be approached, as the premises would have to be extensively marketed at a reasonable market price for at least a year, as required by Policy TP16 of the Plan. CM reminded everyone of the presentation for longstanding garage employee Keith Foale in the pub at 7pm on 10 May.
9. **The Care Home:** This would also be affected by a one-year moratorium, in the same way as the garage, since it too was in employment use.
10. **Funding:** DM has this in hand. He has applied for a grant of £494 for the printing of the Referendum publicity materials. This is the balance of the Locality grant of £9K, to which we are entitled.
11. **Referendum:** DH and KM would organise a meeting to discuss the publicity for the Referendum, as soon as the Referendum date *[likely to be Thursday 28 June 2018]* was confirmed and would circulate the group with arrangements afterwards. RM confirmed the copy deadline for the next VV w\s May 21st.
12. **AOB:** None
13. **Date of the next Meeting:** Tuesday 5 June at 4pm in the Yeo Room.