

## MINUTES OF THE

### THURLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Held in the Yeo Room of the Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30 pm

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

1. **Apologies:** Bronwen Zaffiro
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting:** These were agreed as a true record.
3. **Report on progress of application.** The designation application has been submitted, and requires a completed Terms of Reference, now ready, and a plan of the parish in electronic form. JP agreed to contact SHDC where there is already an offer to run off any further plans if required. AG has subscribed to OS online.
4. **Draft response of subcommittee to SHDC policy on Heritage.** This includes all the extra items/areas suggested at the meeting. In addition, JP has downloaded all the listing schedules and has obtained plans of the listed buildings, conservation areas and scheduled ancient monuments in the parish for future reference.
5. **Draft response of subcommittee to SHDC policy on Environment.** It was agreed that the AONB was key to this policy area. There was some discussion of where the coastline finished and the AONB began and the degree to which coastal erosion was worsening or just continuing. JP to try to dig out a recent SHDC presentation on coastal management. ATB to obtain a plan of the Woodland Trust area.
6. **Draft response of subcommittee to SHDC policy on resources.** It was agreed that renewable energy such as solar panels and small wind turbines could be appropriate in the right location, but generally, opinion was that solar/PV panels should only be on roofs and turbines for farm use and would need to remain very small and unobtrusive. The Chairman commented on the odd use of 'resources' in this context, with which the committee agreed.
7. **Revised timetable in Edition 6 of Our Plan News.** There then followed a general discussion on the varying quality and exposition of policy in the various Our Plan news sheets, which made responding with our own policy difficult. Also, it had become apparent how different the formats of the responses from the three

subcommittees were. At some stage, a unified method of presentation would have to be agreed upon.

It was important to remember that the Neighbourhood Plan would have to pass the Parish Referendum and that therefore, items which the committee might think were acceptable may not be so to the rest of the residents. Solar panels, wind turbines and phone masts were particular points, but in general, the committee would need to keep a watching brief on this throughout.

Since there were no further policy areas announced due to the SHDC delay in fixing the objectively assessed housing number, it would be difficult to run in tandem with Our Plan for the coming month(s). There was then some discussion on the demographic deficit in the parish and the extreme lack of younger people. It was agreed that we should find out what proportion of the children in the school lived within the catchment area.

8. With this in mind, the Chairman suggested that for the 'homework exercise' for the next meeting, each subcommittee should 'free think' about any possible areas for housing or employment land in the Bantham/Buckland areas of the parish, since these had had no major development there for at least the last 40 years.

**Date of the next meeting:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm