

## STRETE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – STEERING GROUP MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

Chair – Kate Gill

Administrator - Ralph Clark

External Adviser – Richard Boyt

Steering Group Members:

Louise Newman	David Ferguson	Andy Pound
David Rothwell	Pam Wills	Mark Hanson
Jane Hall	Graham Campbell	

Working Group Members:

Penny Penhale	Jill Welham	Liz Ferguson
Andrea Phillips		

Apologies: Claire Smith                  Jeremy Swainston

Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were reviewed and approved.

RC introduced Roger English to the meeting. Roger is the Manager for South Devon AONB. He lives in Strete and has agreed to assist members in preparing evidence associated with the coast and landscape elements of the NP.

Matters Arising:

- a) Village Development Boundary – two OS maps were produced and members were asked to discuss, agree and mark up on the maps a provisional increase to the existing development boundary.  
This process included identifying provisional areas within the boundary where potential housing development could be considered and could not be considered.

Members were advised the reason for this is to eliminate the likely risk of receiving a number of suggestions offering land for development that had already been excluded in the NP when a 'Call for Sites' is advertised.

It has also been suggested that, with a pragmatic approach to this issue, members would be better able to communicate the reasoning for this approach to the community during the consultation process.

RB agreed to take the marked maps and prepare a review of the revised boundary area together with land for development and non-development, taking into consideration the points discussed by members, for the next meeting.

This will drive the next move in a 'Call for Sites'.

During development boundary discussions, some members raised the issue of access from Lower Cox's Field onto the A379.

RC informed these members that RB had made contact with Devon C.C. Highways Department for informal discussions in this matter and that Devon C.C. Highways

Department suggested a traffic speed survey should take place to establish how much visibility is required due to passing speeds.

What happens to the site of the old village water pump may also need to be considered due to it being part of the Conservation Area.

However, until it is known what Devon C. C. Highways Department will eventually ask for and members decide how matters should proceed, this issue is to be held in abeyance.

Some members also commented that another route for traffic to exit Cox's Field via a road through The Plat should be considered.

This exit would allow traffic to filter out onto the main road through other parts of the village.

Prepared NP Chapter Headings and Responsibility/Completion Charts were circulated to all members for discussion and agreement.

Members Chapter Heading responsibilities were agreed and allocated.

Four groups each with 4 to 5 members were confirmed.

Target date for completion is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

Members were informed of questions that had been drafted by RB for each Chapter Heading to assist in preparing the evidence needed for the NP.

Each group of Chapter Heading members were advised to liaise before the next meeting to discuss and agree answers to the questions provided for their agreed responsibility area.

RB referred to his recent email with a website link to an article where the Communities Secretary in central government hi-lighted Neighbourhood Plans as a key factor in his decision to award against three appeals for housing development.

RC referred to an article in the Totnes Times where land was being offered for the development of 400 homes. Totnes NP group have rejected this for inclusion in their NP. If SHDC receive a planning application for this, before a NP is complete for Totnes or Berry Pomeroy, it is possible this will receive approval.

Members were reminded of the importance of completing a NP for Strete asap.

The meeting closed at 10:00pm

The next meeting will be 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.