



Newbold Verdon PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP Held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 9:00am

Pursuant to the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) England Eales Regulations 2020 No. 392, this meeting was held via the online video conference call facility Zoom

Attendees: Cllr J Crooks, Cllr Pletcher, Janet Sykes, Dave Cope and Gary Kirk (NHP Consultant)

Clerk: Mrs Josie Flavell

MINUTES		Action
21/001	APOLOGIES	
Mark Sheppard-Bools – apologies accepted.		
21/002	NHP – INCREASE IN HOUSING NUMBERS	
<p>Mr Gary Kirk (NHP Consultant) reported that Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) have decided to increase the number of houses required, due to a change to the housing number requirements.</p> <p>Since the Plan was first drafted, the housing requirement numbers have increased from 163 up to 2036, to 277 up to 2039, thus leaving the current Plan very light on housing numbers and unable to meet this requirement.</p> <p>Cllr Crooks stated that within the Local Plan a possible site was identified just off Brascote Lane. The Clerk reported that this is with Richborough Estates and would contact them to find out the amount of houses proposed for this site. Mr Kirk stated that this could potentially make up the shortfall required, but if not, it would mean going back through the entire Regulation 14 process all over again, and potentially, the SEA process also. The preferred option is for this site to bridge the gap, or to find another site to make up the allocation numbers required.</p> <p>Mr Kirk stated that if this is not an option, it may mean that this allocation is removed from the draft Plan entirely, but would also remove the protection the Neighbourhood Plan affords the parish, when the local planning authority falls below its 5-year land supply (as HBBC has), so is not advisable.</p> <p>Mr Kirk asked the Clerk for the total amount of funding received thus far, with the Clerk agreeing to check the bank statements and confirming the total week commencing 10th May. Once received, Mr Kirk will find out if further funding can be obtained from Locality.</p> <p>The meeting closed with all agreeing to a further meeting being scheduled when all information has been received.</p>		

In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 9.31am