WEDMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER.

PRESENT: Bob Sellwood (Chair), Steve George (Vice Chair), Sue Worrall, Dave Nichols, Ian Tomes, Cathy Butterworth, Nick Avery

APOLOGIES: Sue Rippon, Polly Costello, Louise Seymour, Eileen Wotton, Tony Pitkin, Paul Martin.

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting (28th September 2016) were agreed and signed by Bob Sellwood.
- 2. <u>Counting of Ballots</u>: The four ballot boxes were opened separately and the ballots counted. The results were:

Village Hall boxes	Yes 111 (77.1%)	No 33(22.9%)	Spoilt (0)
Village Store	Yes 17 (70.8%)	No 5 (20.8%)	Spoilt (2)
Post Office	Yes 9 (75%)	No 3 (25%)	Spoilt (0)
Email	Yes 5 (55.5%)	No 4 (44.4%)	Spoilt (0)
Total	Yes 142 (75.1%)	No 45 (23.8%)	Spoilt (2) (1.1%)

- 3. BS advised that he would report the result to the Parish Council on the 19th October 2016. BS would also report the concerns expressed at the event about transparency and the avoidance of conflicts of interests. In the view of BS, there would need to be a register of interests of Group members and no promoter of a site can be on the Group. The register would be published on the website.
- 4. Next steps: Assuming WPC decides to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan, the meeting discussed possible next steps. Options were for a further public event in early 2017 or a questionnaire sent to all households in the Parish. BS suggested inviting Mandy Goddard to the next meeting to discuss next steps, a possible project plan and external sources of funding.
- 5. Any Other Business: There was no other business.
- 6. Next Meeting planned for Tuesday 1st November (7.00 pm) at the Parish Room.