

# Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan Group Minutes

of meeting on 27th February 2017

7pm @ The Parish Room

PRESENT : Steve George (Vice Chair), Tony Pitkin (Treasurer), Dave Nichols, Paul Martin, Sue Worrall, Cathy Butterworth, I Tomes, Eileen Gillibrand, Eileen Wotton, Alistair Smith

APOLOGIES: Bob Sellwood (Chair), Hugh Hope-Stone.

1. Minutes. The minutes had been circulated and were signed by Steve George.
2. Local Plan Update. The pre-submission Sedgemoor Local Plan is on consultation until the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The provisions relating to Wedmore are unchanged from what was advised at the last Group meeting. The minimum number of new homes in Wedmore up to 2032 is 116. There is no definition of what constitutes a maximum figure. SG encouraged everyone to make representations by the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
3. Questionnaire.  
Update : DN handed round copies of the finished questionnaire which was well received.  
Eileen Wooton pointed out that the wording "Let us know ----" on the front cover should have been changed to a more encompassing phrase, this hadn't been done.  
DN explained that a very competitive local printer 'Flying Colours' in Bagworth had been used for the questionnaire and the envelope. The printer will collate the questionnaire and reply paid envelope within an outer envelope and will deliver it to Swindon early next week from where it will be delivered by the Post Office in the week beginning the 13th March to all households which includes businesses, in BS28. The only part of the Parish which is outside this is Panborough. It was decided that Panborough questionnaires would be delivered by hand using volunteers. DN would email and coordinate. There are at least 500 extra copies above what is being delivered by the Post Office; these will be used for

Panborough and extra copies will be held at the Parish Rooms. As the delivery is a week later than first proposed, the return date for the questionnaire is now the 12th April. DN said that a thicker card outer to the questionnaire was used to give it more gravitas than just a plain paper leaflet.

DN noted his thanks to Rod Pring for his assistance in obtaining the license for the reply paid envelopes.

DN estimated the cost to be around £1500 for the questionnaire and both envelopes. When combined with the license and delivery costs (the Parish Council can claim back VAT on the licence) DN thought that £2,000 would be a good estimate.

4. Publicity : There is a piece by BS appearing in March I.O.W. News. TP noted that BS had not used a title and he wondered if it would be clearer if he used Chairman WNPG.

SG was going to contact Mr Thomas Malloy from the Cheddar Valley Gazette with regard to a piece appearing the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> March. Banners and posters were suggested with " Have your say " etc. and the closing date. CB volunteered to do posters to put around the village on notice boards and key shops, also Blackford and Theale village Halls and notice boards. DN has a good source for Banners. DN would liaise with SW to contact Suzanne Metters, as it was thought that she also had a source.

Ian Tomes was going to contact the Isle of Wedmore Website through Rob Evans to see if they would promote the questionnaire.

5. Call for Sites : BS has put together a pro-forma call for sites document. BS is negotiating with Nick Tait to use the SDC database to send them out. PM suggested that land called for should be adjacent to the village.

6. Next Event. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The Village Hall has been booked.

7. Topics and Teams. SG suggested that the Group starts putting together teams to look at specific topics for the NP ie.

- Housing
- Design

- Highways / Transport
- Business/ Employment
- Health / Community / Wellbeing.

SG will put the above on the agenda for the 6th April.

8. Finance : It was noted that the Group will shortly receive a Government grant for 4,900 towards the Neighbourhood Plan. It was also noted that a request from the Group to WPC to fund a shared licence to the Ordnance Survey for Maps was deemed to be mostly for the NP use and therefore should be paid for from our existing budget. SG will action the subscription. SG noted that there was a £4,500 contingency for next year for the NP in the WPC budget. It was noted that all requests and or discussions for finance should always be directed to TP. It was deemed that the finances were healthy.
9. A.O.B. : BS and SG had been to meet the Head Teacher of Hugh Sexkeys, Mr. Tattersall and he was very interested in getting the children involved in thinking about the future using topics based on the questionnaire. Jackie Hipwell, the Head Teacher from Wedmore First School, also wanted to explore how to involve the children. At the moment, 60% of Hugh Sexkeys intake is from outside the Wedmore Parish area. The general view was that there needs to be more young families in the Parish.
10. Next Meeting : 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (7.00 pm in the Parish Room).

Signed : .....

(Chairman)

Date : 6-4-17.....