

## **Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Steering Group meeting Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 10.00am via Zoom**

**Present:** Cllr S Kingdom (SK), Cllr I Capon (ICP), Cllr I Crawford (IC), Cllr C McCormack Hole (CMH), and M Steart (MS), P Smith (PM), Mr D Jury (DJ)  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer (EO)

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from J Gulliver

### **Amended Draft Neighbourhood Plan**

ICP stated that there had been comments from others that had still not been included within the draft plan, he had read the comments submitted by MS & PS which sum up the comments. ICP felt that the group needed a small working party to get together and work on the plan he also felt that the Exmouth NP was a brilliant document and reminded members that the final document does have to be voted on by residents.

DJ explained that there are lots of previous comments that have not been considered when preparing the draft document. The comments made by MS is exactly how it was laid out to the Steering Group by the original facilitators and he cannot understand how the move has been made from all of the evidence collected to the draft document and it needs to get back to the purpose of the document, a lot of the work has already been undertaken and just needs expanding upon and including within the report and agreed that a small working group of Steering Group members seemed like a logical step using the themes that are already there.

ICP felt that there had been several different vision statements from the current consultants.

DJ agreed and felt the extra content and information which has been gathered and is what the community would like and the issues which need to be tackled needs to be reflected within the report.

IC felt that he had not had an opportunity to speak and suggested that he chair the meeting, no objections were raised and ICP proposed IC as Chairman for the meeting, CMH seconded and no objections were raised.

IC asked who was going to undertake the work and didn't believe that Fremington's plan would need the extent of the headings in the Exmouth plan.

CMH felt that we were now living in a very different world and expressed that so much has changed over the last 5 years and will keep on changing, CMH also felt that all of the funding had been spent on a report about the history of Fremington there was little or no reference to what is happening now and the aspirations for the future. CMH did not feel that they could keep re-writing the plan and a decision would need to be taken on how the group will get through it.

ICP pointed out that there is detail missing from the draft and the group has time to rectify – it was noted that NP could not be put forward for referendum until May 2021 at the earliest.

PS asked how many people are aware of what came out of the Government's Climate Change Committee in April, sea levels are set to rise by 2.5m and we are in the upper band of higher emissions, items within the draft document disregard these facts and we cannot ignore the threats we need to look at appropriate mitigation.

DJ reiterated that the report that is produced has to be accepted by the local community.

SK entered the meeting.

MS confirmed that he did not have an issue with climate change being a key part in the plan but would like to stress the purpose of a NP, it is supposed to compliment and enhance what the Local Plan is offering and the parish needs to focus on that in the context of statements, MS felt that the group should take a step back from the vision and review the SWOT analysis in relation to the changes, from that and the evidence is where the vision comes. MS did not feel that the quality was there within the current draft and felt it was just a series of factual statements about the history. MS acknowledged that he does have a vested interest, but he also lives in the parish.

IC felt that the production of the document would be down to the Steering Group.

ICP agreed with MS and explained that there are around 300 homes in Roundswell alone that have not been included in the plan, some issues may not have been identified in the LP but are in the NPPF. ICP explained the need to take into account the changes and what the parish would like to see in terms of housing needs to be enhanced, he reiterated the need for a small group to meet and put this forward as a proposal.

The Steering Group was in agreement that a small working party should meet to review the document and content in detail, it felt that the Steering Group could continue talking about the current draft but some work and action is required to turn it into a document the community would accept and it was agreed for MS, DJ, IC & PS to sit on the working group, VW would attend if available to take the notes. It was further agreed for VW to pursue the maps from the consultants.

Meeting ended at 10.50am.