

EXBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd July 2019
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Present:

Adam Hedley (AH)	Gaye Langham (GL)	Kirk England (KE)	Sally Hordern (SH)
Sam Money (SM)	Tim Hawkins (TH)	Sam Haithwaite (SHa)	Peter O'Connor (POC)
David Weeks (DW)	Dave Stuart (DS)	Sally Kenealy (SK)	Cathy Carey (CC)
Holly Brereton (HB)			

Action

1	Welcome KE welcomed everyone to the meeting and summarised the Group's progress in recent months.	
2	Apologies for absence Clive Flanagan, Kris Flanagan, Lynn Neilson, Richard Cranmer, Ian Petherbridge, Denise Headon, Gordon Fishleigh. AH raised the issue of continued absence of some members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group ('NPG') and, in particular, how the NPG was potentially misrepresenting the community with respect to its size. KE agreed to investigate Parish Council rules concerning non-attendance/minimum attendance standards and report back to the Group to discuss potential actions.	KE
3	Minutes of the last meetings The minutes of NPG meetings for the 24 April 2019 and 5 June 2019 were discussed. POC proposed that these minutes be accepted as an accurate representation of those meetings. This was seconded by David Weeks. All agreed.	
4	Declarations of Interest KE declared an interest - his orchard is referred to in the Landscape Character Assessment report that was due to be discussed later in the meeting.	
5	Public speaking time No members of public were in attendance.	
6	Policy intents review <u>TTV25</u> The Group discussed the implications of guidance received from Duncan Smith ('DS'), the Neighbourhood Planning Officer at West Devon Borough Council ('WDBC'), on policy TTV25 of Plymouth and South West Devon's Joint Local Plan ('JLP'). AH thought this guidance confirmed that the proposed development at Meadow's Edge counted towards the 30 houses that Exbourne is expected to provide during the period of the Neighbourhood Plan ('NP'). It was less clear whether the proposed development at Wood Close would be included. Holly Brereton (HB) joined the meeting. AH said he had asked for further written clarification from DS on the position of Wood Close and, in particular, whether the commencement of development on the site would prevent its inclusion. The Group discussed this matter and also wider issues, including concerns about the impact on traffic from the development of neighbouring villages, limiting the size of future developments to	

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	Although AH added that the JLP already had quite a strong landscape protection policy in it. AH highlighted the landscape assessment work that had already been carried out by a former NPG member. He said that he had since received advice from DS that any LCA should be done by a professional. AH therefore suggested that the Group could either ask a professional to review the former NPG member's work, or ask a professional to prepare their own report and use the existing study to help inform their work. The Group discussed this. KE spoke as an individual (not as Chair) and highlighted his concerns about using the former NPG member's report as evidence. KE said he was very sceptical about pieces of work carried out by one person on subjective issues. He felt there could be an unconscious bias and any report written by an individual should be reviewed by several people without a vested interest before being used as evidence. KE also spoke on the issue of protecting views and stated again his vested interest. He said that his research into NPs with protected views showed there was a level of significance required to justify them. He cited examples where other NPs had protected views that looked out over/towards things of national significance - Gloucester Cathedral etc. AH stated views didn't have to be nationally significant to warrant protection. The Group voted on the proposal of moving forward to investigate the costs/scope of work of a professional LCA. For – HB, DS, SK, SH, GL, DW, TH, CC, SHa, AH. Against – SM, POC. Abstained - KE. AH agreed that he would talk to DS about developing a 'scope of work' for the LCA. AH returned to the issue of housing need and that the Group might benefit from WDBC's housing officer Alex Rehaag attending a future meeting. This had been suggested by DS. The Group felt this could be beneficial. AH agreed to arrange this for the next meeting.	AH AH
7	Any other business <u>Data Protection</u> HB spoke about the work she had done on data protection and how that could impact the work of the NPG. HB agreed to monitor and ensure compliance for the NPG moving forward. HB agreed to forward her recommendations to AH.	HB
8	Next meeting Wednesday 31st July, 7:30pm in the Village Hall.	ALL

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