

LUPPITT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30 PM IN LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Gavin Brake, David Barlow, Stephen Berry, Derek Hooper, Tom Nancarrow,
Brian Pulman, Stephen Smith, John Thorne, Paul Prettejohn, Rosalind Buxton (Clerk)

Apologies: Kathy Crabb, Adam Crabb

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received as above.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Derek Hooper proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 15 January 2015, be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Brian Pulman – all in favour.</p>	
<p>3. Stuart Todd Associates 4. Update on draft policies</p> <p>These two items were discussed together. When Gavin went back to Paul Weston with queries on the draft plan, he was told that the consultants' time for Luppitt had been used up. There has been some heated email correspondence between Gavin, Stuart Todd and Paul Weston. Gavin had indicated to the consultants that he was going to recommend to the Steering Group and the Parish Council that Luppitt should ask for a substantial refund on the money they have paid. Gavin said that he had received an offer from Stuart (via a third party) that he would personally write Luppitt's plan for a further payment of £1,000. This wasn't regarded as satisfactory.</p> <p>There was a long discussion on the matter and it was generally felt that Luppitt had paid £5,600 to the consultants and had not received value for money. Of the ten parishes involved, draft plans have only been completed for Dunkeswell and Stockland, the idea being that these plans can be used as a template for other parishes. On the face of it, the consultants have been paid £56,000 and have only completed draft plans for two parishes which was felt to be a disappointing outcome.</p> <p>Although it was understood that the Neighbourhood Plan grant had to be spent by the end of December and that the consultants' work would be finished, it was expected that further support would be provided by the consultants (their email dated 24 October 2014 refers).</p> <p>It was decided that Rosalind would ring the other parishes to see whether or not they have the same dissatisfaction. The next steps will be agreed once Rosalind reports back.</p>	Rosalind
<p>5. Further update on personalisation of Neighbourhood Plan and Consultation Statement templates</p> <p>Rosalind has continued to work on completing the information required for the Basic Conditions Statement, the Neighbourhood Plan template and the Consultation Statement.</p>	

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<p>She had gone through the Stockland Draft Plan comparing it to the template. It would seem that much of the descriptive information required for Luppitt (nature of parish, etc) will come from the Written Evidence Report.</p> <p>Gavin suggested that no more work should be done to these templates until the situation with the consultants is resolved.</p>	
<p>6. Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment</p> <p>Although EDDC had issued an initial screening report indicating that Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan does not require an SEA or an HRA, a couple of the statutory consultees did not feel there was enough information for them to agree with this opinion. EDDC remain of the opinion that our plan will not need either of these assessments but have asked for the draft plan to be submitted so that they can provide an official screening.</p>	
<p>7. Form working groups</p> <p>It was suggested that small working groups should be formed from the committee to work on the Sustainability Appraisal and complete all the templates. These small groups should include committee members who are not Parish Councillors so that there is a good representation of the community.</p> <p>This was agreed in principle but formation of the groups will depend on the outcome of items 3 and 4 above.</p>	
<p>8. Next steps</p> <p>It was agreed to consider the results of the feelings of the other parishes before arranging another meeting.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.</p>	