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**Meeting Title:** Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Venue:** Village Hall, Holwell

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| <b>Attendees:</b> | Sally-Anne Holt (Chair Holwell Neighbourhood Plan Working Group) | SAH |
|                   | Rodney Antell  | RA  |
|                   | Steve Atchison   | SA  |
|                   | Patrick Constable  | PC  |
|                   | Phil Curtis  | PhC |
|                   | Jo Edmonson  | JE  |
|                   | Colin Evans  | CE  |
|                   | Dave Hollex  | DH  |
|                   | Roger Kellow   | RK  |
|                   | Peter Macfarlane   | PM  |
|                   | Neil Peirson   | NP  |
|                   | Katrina Wall   | KW  |
|                   | Libby Wilton   | LW  |
|                   | Bruce Duncan (Chair Holwell Parish Council)                      | BD  |
|                   | Diana Gibbs (Holwell Parish Council)                             | DG  |
|                   | Jo Witherden (Dorset Planning Consultant)                        | JW  |

**Agenda:** The purpose of this meeting was to meet members of the Parish Council to discuss the impact of the Crouch Lane Planning appeal on the Neighbourhood Plan

### Actions

1. **Apologies**

Lord Aldenham (LA), Robert Hole (RH) were unable to attend.

2. **Opening Remarks**

SAH thanked everyone for coming and explained that we need to understand how the Working Group members feel about continuing with the Neighbourhood Plan, given the impact of the successful appeal against rejection of the Crouch Lane development.

BD added that it would be useful to look at the Crouch Lane issue, especially with JW present.

SAH added that we also need to address what happens if we do not go ahead with the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. **Discussion of Future of Neighbourhood Plan**

BD said that, in his view, the approval of the Crouch Lane development would wipe out the need for creating any affordable housing in Holwell for 20 to 30 years. This makes it very difficult to establish a plan for the future of the village. The decision also creates an atmosphere in which

## **Actions**

the planning authorities cannot be trusted to make sensible decisions. We are not the only parish that is unhappy with the direction of planning decisions. Therefore, we need a good workable Neighbourhood Plan.

JW said that her research into the need for housing resulted in an estimate of between 3 and 26 houses, with a probable figure being between 10 and 15 to align with resident's earlier views, over the next 15 years. However, the Crouch Lane development reaches this already. At the moment there is no agreed target for the Neighbourhood Plan area, but this is being suggested as needed by the White Paper addressing this on a national basis. A lot of time is being spent, in the development of the Local Plan, in trying to estimate housing demand, based on population projection. The White Paper says that we need a simpler method, and Neighbourhood Plans that meet their 'fair share' of housing need will be given significant weight in planning decisions.

BD added that we shouldn't get too focussed on affordable housing only. There is also a need for market value housing. And, JW pointed out, that it's not all about housing – there are also things like flooding, the environment, etc.

SAH said that she had put in a Freedom of Information request for all of the documentation concerning the Crouch Lane development, and that this should take about three weeks; so she hopes to have copies of the documents by the end of March. She said that the inspector didn't seem to go back to the WDDC, but only to the applicant.

All of those present were asked to say how they felt about continuing with developing a Neighbourhood Plan. In all but one case, the view was that we should continue, to ensure that the village would be able to have a say in how Holwell may develop.

This view will now be presented to a meeting of the Parish Council for public discussion.

### 4. **Any Other Business (AOB)**

SAH said that our current support grant would expire tomorrow (28<sup>th</sup> February 2017), and that we had spent all but about £200 of the grant. We should now make a new application.

### 5. **Dates of Next Meetings (DONMs)**

The next Neighbourhood Plan WG Meeting is scheduled for:

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017.

**Appendix A - Notes of Meeting 22:**



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