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Meeting Title: Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
Date: 8th May 2017
Venue: Village Hall, Holwell
Attendees: Sally-Anne Holt (Chair Holwell Neighbourhood Plan Working Group) SAH
SA
Steve Atchison PhC
Phil Curtis CE
Colin Evans DH
Dave Hollex RK
Roger Kellow NP
Neil Peirson LW
Libby Wilton BD
Bruce Duncan (Chair Holwell Parish Council) DG
Diana Gibbs (Holwell Parish Council) JW
Jo Witherden (Dorset Planning Consultant)

Agenda:

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Opening Remarks
- 3 Notes of Previous Meetings
- 4 Site Assessments
- 5 AOB
- 6 Date of Next Meeting

Actions

1. **Apologies**

Lord Aldenham (LA), Rodney Antell (RA), Patrick Constable (PC), Jo Edmonson (JE), Peter Mcfarlane (PM), were unable to attend.

2. **Opening Remarks**

Today's focus is on finishing the review of site assessments, that was started in Meeting 26.

3. **Notes Of Previous Meetings**

The notes of meeting 26 were discussed and agreed.

4. **Site Assessments**

The process for dealing with Declarations of Interest was discussed. JW said that the public view was that one had an interest if you had the potential for personal gain. BD's perception was that one might be biased, even if there were no prospect of personal gain. He suggested considering whether, in one's own mind, you could answer a question about site suitability objectively. JW agreed, saying that it was a matter of judgement, and that we all have an interest in the village and the people in it.

Actions

The 16 site assessments, completed and reviewed at the last meeting, were reviewed again, and in some cases – following discussion and clarification – scores were revised. Revisions were usually because of a misunderstanding or because an assessment was made with respect to a specific type of development.

The assessments of a further 3 sites were then reviewed.

Comments made included:

- The range of scoring.
- The question of infill as against building on open countryside.
- The balance of affordable and market value housing.

The general view was that the group was happy with the methodology and the accuracy of the overall scoring. There were 7 sites that had an overall assessment as Green (scored highly) and 5 that were Red (scored poorly); the remainder were somewhere in between, and 3 sites could be considered as potentially “commercial”.

JW said that we may need to consider other potential uses for sites than housing.

5. **Any Other Business (AOB)**

The question of having individually marked sites or a development boundary was discussed. JW said that a development boundary might be appropriate if all of the sites were in one area, but this can be considered later.

NP asked if, once designated as Green, Amber or Red, we would score the sites within these categories. JW said that we would need to get some ranking from the public consultation. SAH added that the feedback that we get may not agree with our conclusions.

CE asked whether the scoring would identify the people involved, when it's made public. It was agreed that this would not be necessary.

6. **Dates of Next Meeting (DONM)**

The next Neighbourhood Plan WG Meeting is scheduled for:

- Thursday 1st June, 2017.

Appendix A - Notes of Meeting 26: