

UPLYME NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

NOTES OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER 2013

AT THE OLD BLACK DOG, UPLYME

Present: John Garland, Glen Broom, Terry Sweeney, David Sole, Peter Dench, Pat Dench

Apologies: Peter Whiting (Chairman)

In the absence of Peter Whiting, John Garland took the role of Chairman.

1. Welcome, apologies, Notes of last meeting (6th November) accepted with following corrections:

Item 5 DCA= Devon Community Action, SSI should be SSSI.

2. It was requested that Minutes should be sent out earlier to enable corrections to be made prior to the next meeting. The Minute taker agreed to do this and apologised for that lateness of previous meeting's Minutes.
3. Meeting with LRTC - still no response to our letter requesting new date for meeting.
4. Correspondence – none.
5. Response to article in Parish News – still no response. Glen suggested, and was supported by all, that we should request a dedicated page each month. In addition, we should request that the Editor should not alter copy and that the heading should be bold and eye-catching.
6. Comments on other NPs – John and Glen reported on their visit to the Chairman of the Cerne Abbas NP group, Fred Hasington. We would like to record here that we are extremely grateful for the time he gave John and Glen. It was noted that Cerne Abbas were a pilot scheme, funded up to £20,000 with high input from Princes Foundation. However, it was agreed that CADE (Commission on Architecture, Design and Environment) should be approached as they may be able to offer the same service as was provided to Cerne Abbas by the Princes Foundation (Trust).

Discussion continued on what other parishes had done. Glen advised that Tattenhall had also offered help – they had received a lot of input from their local council. It was reiterated that Clare Rodway from EDDC had offered help with maps, information and contacts.

7. It was agreed that time was getting on and that an Action Plan was needed immediately, part of this would most certainly involve creating the time line as soon as possible. John advised that funding would end December, 2014. The group expressed their concern about this as it would mean that there was barely 12 months left to complete the NP when it had been understood that 2 years from designation had been acceptable. John agreed to download all the things we would need to do to ensure we had full funding for the NP project.

Glen and John told the group that Fred Hasington (Cerne Abbas) was an accredited mentor and chairman of the parish planning group – he had suggested that we should seek people who have expertise in IT and planning and have a keeper of planning docs. We felt this was sound advice. Fred stressed the importance for them of meeting landowners – we thought this should also be considered for us.

After discussion it was agreed that a consultation document should be created for January and the first public meeting should take place in February. A leaflet inviting parishioners to the February meeting to be created and put through every door. It was suggested that the format of the meeting would be an introduction by the Chairman of the NP group followed by a speaker e.g. Fred Hasington. Attendees would then be given the opportunity to talk to members of the NP group informally – members of the NP group to be placed at tables around the hall.

8. Tasks – it was agreed that Pat would contact Clare Rodway to find out whether she would like to be on the mailing list for our minutes and also whether she could provide us with more copies of the maps of Uplyme showing planning and AONB boundaries that we could use for worksheets.

Glen suggested we should urgently create a list of work to be done and the tasks to be split between three working groups, e.g. environment, economic and housing. The issue of who has been allocated starter homes in Uplyme and what controls are put upon who is accepted and who is not accepted. Glen agreed to do some research with other parishes on the control of starter home allocation. Further discussion took place on other ways of developing starter homes, e.g. self-builds.

9. Other matters – project planning – a good example for group members to look at was St Ives, all to look at their website. Terry reminded the group that a wildlife audit had been done fairly recently and we should access this to read again. We would need to look at Raymond's Hill's development boundary as we were unfamiliar with it at present.
10. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m. with thanks to John (acting Chairman)