

UPLYME NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
NOTES OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, 31st MARCH 2015
AT THE OLD BLACK DOG, UPLYME

Present: John Garland (Chairman), Neil Pullinger, Glen Broom, Barbara Kidson, Simon Williams, Peter Dench, Pat Dench (Notetaker)

Apologies: Terry Sweeney, John Duffin, Chris James, Ray Helm, Gary Bilbie, Claire Wiscombe

1. Welcome and apologies – above.
2. Minutes and matters arising – minutes of 2nd March 2015 accepted. No matters arising that were not included in the agenda.
3. Working Groups reports – **Business/Tourism** – Pat and Peter Dench gave their report. Pat had created a spread sheet of businesses which John G had kindly contributed to, finding a large number of small businesses mainly operating from people's private homes. Responses had also come via the article in the Parish News. To date there are nearly 80 businesses/tourist industries/employers in Uplyme. Pat agreed to circulate the list to NP group members only to ask if any businesses had been missed or if anyone could supply further information, e.g. email/tel. no./address/owner/s of businesses. It was agreed that the next stage would be to deliver the questionnaire to all those who had not responded on the first round and to those recently 'discovered'. Pat also agreed to add an extra question to the questionnaire asking if businesses would like to be included in an Uplyme Directory of Businesses. Those who had already completed the first questionnaire would be mailed with the additional questions. In the meantime, the introduction to the Business/Tourism section of the NP could be drafted.

Environment – John D and Terry S had sent apologies, but it was felt that they had all the material they needed to start their section.

Village Centre – Barbara had started work on this section and read some of this to the Group showing where it cross referenced with the draft Local Plan.

4. **Potential Building Sites in Uplyme** – Discussion took place on whether the NP should indicate potential sites for new and affordable housing in the parish. It is now in the public domain that the result of the housing questionnaire, analysed externally for EDDC, is that 7 new houses are required over the next five years. Simon and John G reported on their meeting with Jo Widdecombe discussing the yellow dots that had been put on the map of the parish at the last Open Meeting. The yellow dots indicated areas where additional housing might be placed. Although John D and Terry Sweeney had met most of the

landowners and had some idea of who and who would not be interested in new/affordable builds on their land, it was felt that an 'advert' should be placed at strategic points within the Parish inviting landowners who may wish to build a small number of houses on their land to contact the NPGroup. The Adverts would be photographed in situ and become part of the supporting evidence for the NP. The Parish Council had received two offers to date – one from an individual and one from Betterment Homes (request to develop Plot 17). These had been acknowledged advising the persons concerned that their offers were being considered. It was suggested by Simon Williams, and agreed, that all offers of sites would be appraised following a strict methodology that involved using a standard site appraisal. All applicants would be treated the same and the methodology would be in the public domain. It was agreed that the yellow dot map should be reproduced for the next Parish News as an update to the NPG work.

5. The Design Statement was discussed and John G suggested that this was something that he would like Glen to be involved in drawing up, using the existing Village Design Statement as a basis.
6. Affordable Housing – to note, as mentioned earlier that it can now be public knowledge that the results of the questionnaire were that 3 homes were needed immediately and 4 more homes required in the next four years.
7. John G advised that there was some more money being made available – Group members to let John G know how much was needed and for what purpose.
8. The question of whether Highways should be consulted arose – it was agreed that this should happen when we were a bit further ahead with the NP and it particular which sites might be used for housing. Highways will be pleased to be contacted when we are ready.

9. **Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 29th April 2015** at the Old Black Dog , Uplyme at 7.00 p.m. John G reminded members to **bring drafts of their sections with them.**

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m. with thanks to the Chairman, there being no other business.