

UPLYME NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
NOTES OF MEETING ON THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2014
AT THE OLD BLACK DOG, UPLYME

Present: John Garland (acting Chairman), Glen Broom, Terry Sweeney, John Duffin, Barbara Kidson, Neil Pullinger, Simon Williams, Pat Dench, Peter Dench, Gary Bilbie (new member)

Apologies: Peter Whiting, Chris James, Claire Wiscombe, Andy Turner

1. Welcome and apologies – Gary Bilbie was welcomed as a new member, introduced to the Group and briefly updated on the work carried out so far.

2. Minutes – accepted.

3. Matters arising not on the agenda – none.

4. Focus Groups – John D and Terry S reported that they had met with Andy Turner and had now completed nearly all their meetings with the landowners. They felt that they were now able to join themes together and draft some ideas. At this point John G reminded the Group that the hall was booked for 31st January 2015 for the next open consultation meeting. Terry apologised for not being able to be at this event.

Pat and Peter D reported that their questionnaire for businesses (inc. tourism) was with Lois – it was hoped that all businesses had been included but feedback at the open meeting would help with making sure everyone had been included.

John G reported on Affordable Housing – the results of the survey were that there was a need for 4 immediate homes and three more up to and within a 5 year period, making 7 in total. On the question of affordability, 7 respondents in housing need were unable to afford to buy or rent in the open market.

To note that 807 survey forms were delivered and 188 were returned – making a response rate of 23.2%. 87 were in favour affordable housing for local people, 13% were not in favour, 65 households did not respond to this question. 20 Households declared an interest in individual self-build and 15 in some form of group self-build.

5. Open Consultation Meeting - 31st January – Discussion took place on what was needed for this event. John G asked what maps would be needed. Terry and John D would source the appropriate OS maps they required.

John G would arrange to get a banner and create a display showing the results of the Questionnaire. It was suggested that attendees should be asked questions on Affordable Housing, e.g. if we are to have Affordable Housing, where should it be placed?

It was suggested by Gary B that handouts asking for further comment/something they had forgotten to say/ask about be given to people as they leave the meeting. This was agreed.

Simon Williams suggested that people would be asking 'what next?' after they had spent time looking at our displays. He agreed to draft a 'Next steps – what now?' paper. He was thanked for this.

It was agreed that everyone would be responsible for their own area of work. Further discussion would take place at the next meeting when the plan of the day would be finalised.

6. A35 Meeting – John G reported on the traffic light proposals for Hunters Lodge meeting.

7. Local Plan – discussion took place on when it was likely to be available and how our NP could influence it. It was thought that the revised Local Plan was not likely to be available until the middle of 2015.

8. Uplyme NP Design Statement – it was firmly agreed that Uplyme's Design Statement would be part of the NP and would be used for all new builds including Affordable Housing on the sites selected by the parish.

9. The final document (NP) – points made were that it should be as detailed as possible – it should include a clear Design Statement – it should contain policies and most importantly it should be owned by the community of Uplyme.

10. Date of next meeting – primarily to agree the arrangements for the open Consultation Meeting – to take place at **The Old Black Dog, Uplyme on Monday, 5th January 2015 at 7.00 p.m.**

11. Any Other Business – there being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m. with thanks to the Chairman, John Garland.