

# Stoke Fleming Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## Minutes

### Meeting of the Steering Group held on Tuesday 30 August 2016 in SF Village Hall

Present: Struan Coupar; Katie Franks; Martin Judd; Mary Newman; Nick Teage.

Apologies: Hazel Smith; Barry Clark

Barry Clark's resignation from the group was accepted.

The invoice from Peter Sandover's recent attendance as consultant has been received and is awaiting sanction by the Parish Council. The group agreed that he could well be of further help.

MJ has been using the example of other Neighbourhood Plans to help draft the wording for policies for our plan. These will flow logically from the key objectives which will in turn derive from the vision for the future.

The transition from the developing South Hams Local Plan to a Joint Local Plan covering Plymouth, West Devon and South Hams has moved the goal posts and significantly reduced the external pressure for more development. There is also some development already in the pipeline. This means that we can reduce the number of sites considered and work solely on the numbers needed to sustain the community and meet demand from local people. Earlier consultations showed that parishioners want to see an increase in affordable housing for local people which would not be possible without a moderate sized development of more than ten houses. Increased connectivity between parts of the community also depends on such development. There was discussion in depth as to which site or sites to concentrate on.

A "Community Build" could answer many of the needs, but would require a donation of land and a dedicated body of volunteers to set it up and run it.

Some things that we would like to see in the Plan may not be immediately possible for funding or other reasons and could be included as aspirational objectives which could become projects if circumstances allow.

A further meeting will be required soon to continue to drive forward and will include further policy development, and contact with SHDC Planning Department to ensure that our emerging plan and policies are taken into consideration in future planning decisions.

#### **Future Meetings:**

Monday 12 September at **6.00 p.m.** at Thorn Farm House

Tuesday 13 September, SC & KF will attend a planning seminar in Plymouth

Monday 3 October at 7.00 p.m. Venue to be confirmed

Wednesday 19 October at 7.00 p.m. at Thorn Farm House.