

Stoke Fleming Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 22 August 2017 at Thorn Farm.

Present: Struan Coupar, Katie Franks, Mary Newman, Hazel Smith, Nick Teage.
In Attendance: Peter Sandover
Apologies: Martin Judd

1. The **Minutes of Previous Meeting (9 August)** were agreed.
2. **Consultation Advice.** In the light of approval for the Blue Cedar development of 19 houses on School Road and advice that further consultation would at best make further delay in publishing the Plan (and at worst could set us right back where we were a year ago), it was concluded that it would be wise to withdraw Site H3 (opposite the school) from the proposals. This would maintain similar overall numbers, and prevent yet more building work on School Road and traffic in Church Road. This decision can be re-assessed at the 5-year reviews of the Neighbourhood Plan. The proposed site in Rectory Field (H4) will also be scaled down, but retained as it has potential to deliver benefits for the village in the form of the new footpath and improved Bird Walk. **SC** to discuss how the withdrawal of site H3 will affect the SEA.
3. **Amendments to the Draft Plan.** The wording of the Draft Plan and supporting papers needs to be amended to take into account the consultation responses, the Blue Cedar decision, advice from the consultant, and the planned West Dart development. The Locally Important Views also need to be strengthened with more supporting information. Maps may also need to be amended and the importance of replanting stressed in the section on woodlands. It was agreed that **PS** would work on this in consultation with **SC**. **KF & NT** to send further details on Locally Important Views to PS.
4. **West Dart.** 240 houses were approved on appeal in February 2016 and the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan then suggested a “possible” additional 165 in July of that year. making a total of 405. The developer then wished to add a further 45 houses in a field that is visible from the AONB. A meeting between the firm acting for the developer and representatives of both Dartmouth and Stoke Fleming councils has been arranged.
5. **The Next Meeting was arranged for Thursday 21 September, 7.00 p.m. at Thorn.**