

SILVERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, July 26th, 2018, at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Liz Trebble (Chair), Gill Barrett, Sally Sleep, Liz Gilbert, Janet Campbell, Olive Millward, Bill Croome, Jon Smye, Jenny Roach, Prue Nichols.

1. Apologies: Richard White

2. The Vice-Chairman, Liz Trebble, proposed that the business of the meeting was first to elect a new Chairman in the light of Olivia Kennard's resignation, and second to update the Committee on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan with MDDC Planning Department.

3. Olivia Kennard's resignation from the position of Chairman of the Committee, and from the Committee itself, was received with regret. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to her on behalf of the Committee thanking her for the time and effort she had put into Neighbourhood Plan and for the invaluable work she had done.

4. Liz Trebble was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Committee. (Proposer: Jenny Roach; seconder: John Smye).

Liz Gilbert was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. (Proposer: Prue Nichols; seconder: Sally Sleep).

5. Members of the Committee agreed to help the new Chairman wherever possible. Gill Barrett will take on the arrangement of Committee meetings.

6. A letter from Arron Beecham, Forward Planning Officer, MDDC, was read. His department is currently working on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to assess the general conformity of the draft policies with the Mid Devon Local Plan Review. Once this is done, a draft screening report will be sent to the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England seeking an opinion on whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment will be needed. The time frame for this is estimated at 6 weeks. The response will then be forwarded to the NP Committee in the form of a screening report from MDDC. If an S.E.A. is needed, MDDC will give advice on applying for technical support and funding.

7. When the Draft NP has been assessed by MDDC and returned to the Committee some alterations may be needed before the final Consultation which the Committee understands will be organised by MDDC.

8. At present the Parish website carries an old version of the Draft N.P. Bill Croome will contact the Parish Clerk, Sheila Woodland, to update the Plan.

9. The Consultation Statement at present being written by Jon Smye will be circulated to Committee members for comment before being put on the website.

10. AOB

Notification of the changes of officers on the Committee will need to be sent to the Parish Council and to MDDC Planning Department. Liz Trebble agreed to do this.

Bill Croome has prepared a draft application for a grant for technical assistance towards an S.E.A. which will be submitted at the appropriate time.

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

