

# **SILVERTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 9th, 2015

@Silverton Community Hall

Present: Olivia Kennard (Chairman), Liz Trebble, Gill Barratt, Jenny Roach, Bill Croome, Richard White, Sally Sleep, Liz Gilbert, Olive Millward, Janet Campbell, Prue Nichols

The Meeting was declared open for representations from the public for 10 minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting ( 26.01.2015) were agreed and signed with one correction: Janet Campbell's name should have been included with those drafting policies for Traffic and Transport.

## Discussion of draft expanded policies

Discussion of draft policies written by members of the Committee, starting with Natural Environment and Housing, showed differing approaches to the way policies were drafted. It was agreed that policies should reflect the consultations that have taken place and not introduce new ideas; that they should be direct and succinct, backed by explanatory material, and that a common written style was needed. Suitable models could be found on other NP's, and it was suggested that members should look at the sites for the Cerne Valley NP and for the Ardingly NP.

Consideration of Housing draft policies showed up a need for advice about Local Allocation. Jenny Roach said that money was available for NP's through grant funding from Central Government, and she suggested asking Isabel French, a MDDC Planning Officer, to talk to us about allocation, and to advise on the presentation of policies.

This was agreed.

Jenny Roach submitted two possible policies, one on an improved broadband network to serve the village, which she hoped would be overtaken by events, and a second policy on the designation of assets of community value, with an outline list that included the Rec., the Bury and the Primary School, with other suggestions put forward for discussion. The advantage of naming assets of community value is that if any should be put on the market, the community would have first option to buy.

## Third Consultation

It was decided to defer discussion of the third consultation.

## A.O.B.

An e-mail from the East of Hederman Close Group (05.01.15) sent to Jenny Roach and Olivia Kennard and forwarded to members of the Committee was discussed. In the e-mail the Group expressed support for small-scale development in Silverton but stressed the need for safeguards to keep it within limits. The general feeling of the meeting was that as this was an unofficial group its views would not be taken into account in the business of the Committee. Members of the group were free to speak in the first ten minutes of any Committee Meeting as members of the public.

## Date of next meeting

This was left open until a meeting with Isabel French could be arranged.