

DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Housing & Infrastructure Group meeting held 25th March via Zoom

Prepared by Paul French -Chair

Present: Cllrs P French (chairman), K Morris, P Hayes, C Heard plus Phil Lewis and Paul Jenkin

- 1. Introduction & welcome**, not required as Hastoe unable to join us tonight
- 2. Apologies** – Mark Harrison, plus Ellen Lappin and Chris Meadows from Hastoe
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on January 12nd 2021** were approved and signed by the chair.
- 4. Hastoe Feedback.** Hastoe apologised for not being able to attend and prior to the meeting had supplied a detailed update report prepared in response to our previous feedback. This report had been circulated to all members of the team prior to the meeting. Wide ranging discussion of that followed but can be summarised as a good positive start. Concerns were raised about extra traffic in the village, particularly coming up Britton Street. In response to the question “why Hastoe”; Phil reported that they specialise in rural development, have previous history in the village and recently delivered the award winning affordable homes in Cheriton Bishop, just up from the doctor’s surgery. Regarding site selection; Paul J explained briefly what “Sequential Risk Assessment” was. i.e. the developer will select the site with the lowest flood risk initially and explore options to deliver the required outcomes there and only consider alternative sites if there is a compelling reason/benefit.

Hastoe had advised that a Steering Group should be set up with delegates from this team. The meeting selected Pip Hayes and Paul French for these roles.

ACTION 1. Paul F to advise Hastoe - DONE

5. Communication with the wider public It was pointed out that previous external communication had inadvertently perhaps created an incorrect perception that the village/Parish Council would have the final say on any development. While both the public and the PC will be consulted, their role is advisory and the planning authority, Dartmoor National Park, will have the final say, so this needs to be addressed in the next public update. Paul J also pointed out that previous minutes/updates were not available on the website.

ACTION 2. Paul F to check with clerk about update publication visibility on website -DONE

ACTION 3. Paul F to circulate a draft external communication for comment and feedback pre-publication – DONE

ACTION 4. Paul F to finalise update based on feedback and send to clerk for publication and the records

6. Matters brought forward. We should “think big” and use any development opportunity to action other initiatives.....a wildlife area and overflow car park are already on the “wish list” but things like a community garden could also be added. All none-housing aspects may need alternative funding sources. Options for grants will be considered as will local crowd funding.

7. Date of next meeting TBA depending on date/outcomes from first Steering Group meeting with Hastoe

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.36 pm

Signed as a true record..... Cllr P French (Chairman)

Date