

Dunsford Parish Council Housing & Infrastructure Committee

Minutes of the meeting held June 9th in the Village Hall Dressing Room

Present: Cllrs French, Hayes, Morris with Paul Jenkin, Phil Lewis and Mark Harrison

1. **Apologies** were received from Claire Heard
2. **Minutes of the Housing & Infrastructure Group meeting of 27th April 2021** were agreed and will be signed by the Chair as soon as possible.
3. **Update from last Project Team meeting with Planners & Developer.** Paul F started by listing the Project team membership/roles. Paul F and Pip H reported that discussions with Landowners are ongoing. The initial approach to one has prompted a need to clarify the legal situation regarding what can/cannot be built in the National Park. DNPA with Hastoe will do this and also make contact with the second Landowner. Hastoe are looking for potential Project Architects that understand the importance of having a Development that is complimentary to the local vernacular and have sustainability at the forefront of their design. These will be interviewed in June. The need for an accurate/current assessment of the community's attitude to any future Development and what the Housing Need is now was discussed and subsequently draft ideas were published, and these have been shared with the committee. (See item 4 below)
4. **The Group to discuss the benefits of redefining the need and assessing the level of support for any future development.** All agreed this needed to be done. The Chair had received several very helpful proposals from Committee members regarding any future Parish wide survey. All agreed it had to be much simpler than the initial draft and have two prime purposes. One to assess the Parishes attitude to any future Development (simple Y or N) and secondly to assess Housing Need. As the Parish Council would conduct this survey, we felt it should be much less intrusive and simply identify a Need, which could then be further quantified by the Planners. **ACTION.** Paul F to redraft based on inputs from the meeting and circulate to seek feedback.
5. **The group to agree the contents of a report for onward communication with the public to keep them informed.** The Chair shared the draft prepared by the Project Team. This was supported with minor changes to the wording regarding any future survey. **ACTION.** Paul F to redraft and circulate for comment before publishing towards end of June.
6. **Matters brought forward by the Chairman (for information only/possible addition to a future month's agenda)**
We discussed the likely outcomes from the survey and it was proposed that we might need to "sell the benefits" of any future Development. Some have previously been tabled: e.g. long term sustainability of the community, improved local wildlife habitats and a new proposal was suggested that would need technical evaluation first. i.e. Improve Broadband.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm
7. **Date of next meeting - 8th July 7.30pm in the Dunsford VH Dressing Room**

Signed as a true record:

Cllr Paul French (Chairman)

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