

ABBPLAN

Minutes of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group

Wednesday 21st October 2.00pm

Parish Rooms

1. In attendance – David Munden (Chairman), Richard Whiffin, Wendy Grierson, Brian Mackness, Alex Lessware (TDC Planning Liaison Officer), Stuart Todd (Consultant)
2. Apologies for absence received from Paula Simmons and Tim Collins
3. Stuart started by giving an overview of the Community Survey Report that he has put together – key points were:-
 - (a) The response from the survey was reasonable with about 12.8% of the population returning the questionnaires. About 160 people.
 - (b) Next time there is a consultation we should repeat the definition of what affordable housing is so that residents fully understand the different types.
 - (c) Need to separate out the items that will not be included in the NP but will be passed over to the PC to be addressed.
 - (d) The surveys indicated that there was a strong feeling in the village that the conservation area should be highlighted as important and carefully maintained.
 - (e) Responses from children and young people were very low and, therefore, need to be carefully considered and we need to make sure that their aspirations are being covered in the NP
 - (f) Stuart said that our responses were good and covered a broad range of subject with good information to go forward with
 - (g) Alex pointed out that although medical need were mentioned in some of the responses, usually to set up a new doctor's practice there needs to be at least 800 new homes built. He also said that doctor's practices are now run as businesses so this adds further complications
 - (h) Alex questioned our objectives and said that we may want to consider a Parish Plan if we only had a simple report with no major building of houses proposed as we may not have sufficient issues for a full NP. Stuart thought that we may well have enough for a NP.

4. School Survey – Stuart went through key points and emphasised that we will need to drill further into the responses to be clear in which direction we need to go and we also need to keep engaging with the school throughout the process.
5. The survey should be published on the Abbotskerswell website and something should be put into Abbtalk
6. Evidence - Stuart produced various handouts. The following was noted:-
 - (a) Alex is to supply the link to the Teignbridge website for Abbotskerswell Community Report
 - (b) The evidence base is key to backing up our plan
 - (c) Evidence can be added to, if there is a gap, later on
 - (d) Our old Parish Plan and our Biodiversity Plan should be included in our evidence base
 - (e) When we have our aims and objectives decided upon the list of evidence documents may not all be relevant
 - (f) We need to ask local stakeholders- head teacher county education, doctors, highways, English Heritage, Natural England to see what, if any, are the important issues to them. Alex suggested that we do this after we have a draft as they would then have something to give a response to.
 - (g) Engaging early is good. At least we open the doors and ask questions, then we can be seen to be inclusive.
 - (h) Alex will provide some names
 - (i) Kevin has Parish online maps
 - (j) Rural Parish Profile and Community Council for Devon. ACRE
 - (k) The census data should be added to the NP
 - (l) We need to build up a record of documents on our website