Notes of meeting of NPWG & parish councillors 26/02/23

1. Apologies Guy Timson

2. It was agreed, urgently to circulate a summary of the information gleaned from Litchfields during meeting of 23 Feb 2023. Reference to 60 houses and 2.5 storeys to be added to the circulated draft plus the fact that there was as yet no new masterplan for the site and the pre-app process with Mendip still ongoing. Members given until Monday 4.00pm for final comments. To go via web, eyes and ears, and WhatsApp

3. It was noted that 1 hour had been allocated for the open meeting on 1st March and it therefore needed to be carefully managed. Agreed 15-minute maximum introduction (Sue, Ros) allowing 30 minutes for questions, comments and 15 minute summary of plan of action (Chris) including action to respond to any new masterplan and to initiate process for further collection of views ref community land preferences (location and use)

4. Actions agreed included

   - Respond to Lichfields seeking cost estimates for removal of steel framed barns and copy of asbestos survey (Sue)
   - Continue to seek to involve the church and CC via Jay Greene citing Coming Home and reference to CC strategic docs / case studies and why not happening for WsM? (Sue)
   - Request copy of pre-app report of MDC and Lichfield discussions (Sue)
   - Seek pre-app meeting with Mendip planners (Chris)
   - Seek an independent traffic expert (Ros)
   - Source settlement character assessment specialist (Chris)
   - Seek advice on whether the words or the diagram of the site in the Mendip plan had priority (Chris & Sue)
   - Raise formal complaint about state of brownfield buildings (PC)
   - Seek support via UWE student projects (Tony)
   - Use meeting on 1st to invite working group members (Chris)
   - Recruit another to NPWG - (Sue)
   - Circulate link to Coming Home case studies (Tony)
   - To develop ideas for the brownfield land and greenfield site (UWE support) in parallel with response to Litchfields (All)
   - Continue to support both those in the village who simply oppose the development and those who accept that site will be developed but seek mitigation (All)