

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Working Group meeting #7

9 March 2023 7.00pm

Held at: 2 Glencott, The Hollow

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes from Feb (attached)
3. Matters Arising not covered in agenda
 - Reflections on March 2nd meet
 - Comms with Lichfields / CC / MDC since last week
4. Review, update and agree actions on “Next Steps Plan” as communicated to village meeting
 - a. Request our own pre-app discussion with Mendip Planners to test strength of objections / change requests and understand “planner position”
 - b. Identify key issues that have higher chance of getting development proposals acceptable. These include
 - Road Safety – commission specialist on traffic safety / transport to provide expert opinion on traffic levels on A371, pedestrian safety improvements and access / public parking
 - Settlement Character – Commission an independent report on village settlement character to identify key elements that need protecting / enhancing. This should help provide evidence to argue against over development / max green space / prevent any 2.5 store hses, argue for better layout, design
 - Working up an alternative proposal with UWE help (and input from experts above)
 - Drainage – Phosphates / SUDS / Sewage works capacity. Ensure local catchment solutions, best practice SUDS, ensure sewage works capacity not fudged
 - Others – Ecology, Dark Skies, Footpaths, Multi user paths
 - c. Assign task grps to work up strongest evidence
5. “Expert Witnesses” – Settlement Character and Transport / Traffic Appraisal. Agree requirement of briefs to be issued and process for commissioning
6. Community Land – Review all options (including Court Farm Buildings), The need to consult community on preferences, Response to Lichfields ref old buildings offer
7. Proposals for March 19th village meeting
8. AOB
9. Next Meeting