

**Westbury sub Mendip Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**  
**Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Present** - Chris Langdon [CL] (chair), Mick Fletcher [MF], Ros Wyke [RW], Tony Westcott (TW), Dave Maguire [DM]

1. **Apologies** Sue Isherwood (SI), Guy Timson (GT)
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February were agreed. **Action MF** to post a pdf copy on the website
3. **Matters arising.**
  - a. A report on the meeting with Litchfields and Highways was given by CL, RW and DM. It was felt that this was a useful meeting and it served to correct many of the issues arising at the previous meeting between Litchfields' highway consultant and a SCC Highways representative. During the meeting it was confirmed that a pre App from Litchfields re the Greenfield site was sitting with Emma Meecham of SCC. The possible conflict of the dark skies policy and the provision of the safe crossing of the A371 was discussed. It was agreed that a compromise may need to be agreed which may not please all residents. It was agreed to avoid giving any impression during discussions with CC on highway safety matters that we supported a development on the Greenfield site. It was agreed that we should request a further meeting with CC representatives and SCC Highways and Planners as matters progress **Action CL**
  - b. No valuation has yet been received. Two parties had declined to give a valuation. A further two will be chased up by MF. It was suggested Cooper and Tanner may be able to provide a valuation. **Action MF**
4. **Update on Housing Needs Survey**

126 survey forms were received back which is over 30% of those issued. This is considered to be a good return rate. It was agreed the survey was now closed. Hopefully we will get some feedback on the results before the open village meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. Need to push for draft assessment of results from consultants. **Action CL**
5. **Neighbourhood Plan Priorities Survey.**
  - a. CL and MF had spoken to Paul Weston and reported his comments and queries on the survey to the meeting. The group reviewed the draft survey and various amendments were suggested and incorporated into the draft. Any further suggested amendments, particularly regarding the first two questions should be passed to CL. CL to issue amend request to Paul Weston
  - b. The aim was to issue the survey mid April.
6. **Village Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March**

MF made it clear that main purpose of meeting would be to review final draft of NP priorities questionnaire. However also a good opportunity to update on the housing survey (inc prize draw), update on meeting with Highways/SCC, progress by CC on latest Greenfield site plan. DM suggested review of NP priorities Questionnaire might best be achieved through small groups looking at different questions within

the survey. CL, MF and DM confirmed they would attend the meeting. MF confirmed the meeting had been advertised on posters around the village and various WhatsApp and Facebook pages.

7. **Communication**

DM had written the April PEW article which has been submitted to the editor.

8. **AOB**

It was agreed that Stuart Todd Associates would be approached to assist in driving the Neighbourhood Plan forward. **Action CL** to arrange.

9. **Next meeting.** Agreed to be Wednesday 15 May at 8pm. Suggested venue Court House Farm. **Action GT** to confirm agreement to hosting.