

Minutes of the meeting of the Hilmarton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, held in the Community Room at 7pm on 7th November 2019.

Attending:

Paul Doust
Jasmine McFadzean
Matthew Ash
Chris Holmes
Robert Fry
Mel Wilkins (Chair)

Apologies were received from Frances Cleland-Bones, Janet Perrins and Keith Roberts.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as correct with no matters arising, (to be signed off at the next meeting)

Anthony Northcote – Neighbourhood – Plan.co.uk

It was unanimously agreed to employ the services of Anthony Northcote in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP), especially when considering his knowledge of the area and his recent dealings with Wiltshire Council.

The Chairman will contact him and ask him to attend the next meeting, the date of which will be for him to decide.

Housing Needs Survey

The Parish Council (PC) have received correspondence from Wiltshire Council (WC) stating the WC initiative to provide 1000 affordable homes across Wiltshire over a 10 year period. They have identified an area of land, to the right of Poynder Place as a possible site, WC are already owners of the land. They have asked the PC if it would support the distribution of a Housing Needs Survey, delivered on 20th January 2020 with a return date of 24th February 2020.

Following much discussion, it was decided to suggest the PC request WC postpone the survey until the NP is well under way as this will be included in the Hilmarton NP. It was considered to be very important to consult/inform the community before a 'cold' questionnaire was delivered through their door.

As there were no other matters for discussion the meeting closed at 7:45pm. Next meeting will be 30th January at 7pm, planned to be at the Duke (TBC).

Footnote

Following the meeting, contact was made with Anthony Northcote.

*He was informed of the Wiltshire Council initiative for more affordable housing.
He recommended that Wiltshire Council be asked to go ahead with their Housing
Needs Survey on their proposed dates of 20th January to 24th February 2020.
This is to ensure the finding's will be issued in time for inclusion in the NP.*