



# Norton St Philip Neighbourhood Plan

## Note of SG meeting 13/05/18 at 3pm in the Mead Pavilion

SG Members present: Deborah Allen, Bob Chapman, Gordon Currie, Rupert Foster, Brenda Graham, Ian Hasell, George Hitchins, Andy Linegar, Barbi Lund, Liz Mills, Gill Morgan, Ian O'Brien, Graham Tickell, Alice Tollworthy.

PC Chair, Clive Abbott attended together with 2 members of the public.

Ian Hasell unanimously elected Chair. Stated that his experience of working on parish plan has taught him that crucial for members of the steering group to remain committed. He believes it important to keep it as focused as possible; Housing survey indicated no appetite for changing development limits apart from possibility of exception sites. Fortunately this should make the plan simpler to deliver.

2/3 of Parish being in Greenbelt means that the pressure for development was on the village of NSP. Any pressure for further housing would come from central government or Mendip as HS proved. Alice Tollworthy unanimously elected as Deputy Chair, George Hitchins as Secretary.

George H ran through process of VCA day which was agreed to be 12-5pm on Monday 28th.

Liz Mills spoke about advisability of landscape appraisal.

To be considered further is the extent of the village character appraisal and whether similar appraisals should be carried out in Hassage and Farleigh.

BANES have a template and training event ; Liz Mills will investigate further and report.

George H referred to LP Pt 1 Policies as being broad ranging and well constructed but that we need to determine the areas where we might want to make specific.

Agreed that we should get more detail on the methodology and that we would seek advice from Liz Beth asap.

Working Groups( as Agenda):

- 1) Housing
- 2) Environment
- 3) Employment, amenity and tourism
- 4) Traffic and transport

These could be amended or adapted if circumstances dictate ; important to avoid overlaps. Each group will consider their requirements and co-opt further members if they wish. Need to review existing evidence. The draft Vision and Objectives may very well be modified as a result of the work undertaken. The use of social media and online survey tools will be important; face to face contact with elderly residents will be important. Engaging the community is a vital aspect of the work.

Reaffirmed that Liz Beth as our consultant was the first point of contact for any technical queries about our approach. Her previous work with Mendip was important; Mendips approach might be very different to that of BANES or other authorities.

Nominations for leaders of groups:

**Traffic and transport :** Rex Eastment.

(Rex stated that he would like two members of the Norton Saint Philip village community to be on the group with him.)

**Employment , Amenity and Tourism.** Rupert Foster.

**Housing:** Gordon Currie

**Environment:** Barbi Lund

All proposed and seconded. No other nominations.

Group leaders to consider the breadth of their work and to remember that the Plan is for the whole Parish.

It was noted that we were aiming for regulation 14 parish consultation by the end of the year. A more detailed timeline to be sought from Liz Beth.