

**SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**  
**Internal Meeting No 16**  
**15 February 2016**  
**RECORD OF DISCUSSION**

**Present**

Tim Lewis (TL) – Chairman

Graham Collyer (GC)

Paul Davies (PD)

Nick Townsend (NT)

Phil Baker – SHDC - Apologies

Paula Booker (PB) - Apologies

Nick Bailey (NB) - Apologies

**1. Notes of Last meeting**

The notes of meeting No 15 were approved

**2. Matters Arising**

All actions from the meeting on 18 January had been completed, apart from those repeated in the notes below.

**3. Liaison Officer**

At meeting on 16 November, Phil Baker had advised that the SHDC planning office was still working on a housing criteria policy for small communities such as South Milton parish and this could be tweaked to suit South Milton's specific needs – he will keep us informed on progress. **Phil Baker action**

**4. Administrative matters**

TL advised that the books for our community funding for the year 2015/16 had to be closed by 29/02/16 and unused funds returned. TL will reapply for funding for the year 2016/17. **TL action**

**5. Housing Policies**

Phil Baker is working on a rural exceptions housing policy and also criteria on housing policy criteria for inside and outside development boundaries; he will provide current drafts. **Phil Baker action**

Further work on the housing policies would be undertaken after the results of the call for sites and assessment had been completed.

Phil Baker had forwarded information on the "call for sites" exercise completed by Marlborough NP group, as well as a sample covering letter and submission form. TL will review these and prepare the

documents for our “call for sites”. TL will also review Thurlestone’s approach to identifying potential sites. **TL action**

The sites submitted will be evaluated by a panel. This panel will be chaired by Phil Baker and include both external and local experts in different fields. Phil Baker will provide a suitable assessment matrix. **Phil Baker action**

The process will be concluded with an options consultation.

## 6. Environment & Coastal Management

Most of the meeting was taken up with a discussion on the paper NT had circulated on Environment and Coastal Management. It was agreed that drafters of each section should follow a similar format, namely:

- General objective and possibly sub-objectives
- For each objective/sub-objective:
  - Background
  - Evidence
  - Issues
  - Policy or narrative as appropriate
  - Project(s)

The main points raised at the meeting were:

- PD suggested and it was agreed we should add a sub-objective “Protecting our historical and listed buildings, and conservation areas”. It was noted that there was some overlap between the issues/policies covered in this section with those in the housing section but that these will be sorted out later.
- Based on a review to the responses to the questionnaire, our vision should include a reference to our coastline. It was agreed that the second sentence should now read “Our ambition is also to protect and enhance our coastline and the rural nature of our parish.”
- It was agreed that where appropriate we should be unequivocal in the NP and use the phrase “*will not be supported*” where there is strong evidence to take a particular stance on a policy. Where the evidence is not so overwhelming we should use the phrase “*will only be considered as an exception*”.
- All agreed that it would be a good idea to provide a footpath from the end of the Ridgeway to the coast so that walkers and cyclists would not have to use the road. This could be a project under the NP. It was noted that a similar path between Stokenham and the coast had been very successful. It was also noted that such a project would go some way to meeting an obligation to improve public access to the Heritage Coast (NPPF 114 refers), specially as there was strong resistance to improving the road access.

NT will update his paper to reflect the details of discussions at the meeting. **NT action**

NT to contact Roger English of AONB to obtain a copy of their land management practices. **NT action**

## 7. Infrastructure

TL will re-draft the paper on infrastructure in the agreed format. **TL action**

## 8. Wellbeing & Economy

PB will be asked to update her paper on wellbeing and the economy. **PB action**

### **9. Next meeting**

Next meeting will be held at 10:00am on 11 March 2016 in the village hall.