

**SOUTH MILTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**  
**Internal Meeting No 17**  
**11 March 2016**  
**RECORD OF DISCUSSION**

**Present**

Tim Lewis (TL) – Chairman

Graham Collyer (GC)

Paul Davies (PD)

Nick Townsend (NT)

Paula Booker (PB)

Phil Baker – SHDC - Apologies

Nick Bailey (NB) - Apologies

**1. Notes of Last meeting**

The notes of meeting No 16 were approved

**2. Matters Arising**

All actions from the meeting on 15 February 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 had closed the books on our community funding for the year 2015/16 and around £930 had been returned to the fund. 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.

“Call for Sites” notices had been issued in the Village Newsletter, Village Website and in the Kingsbridge Gazette. Interest had been expressed by two parishioners so far but no applications have been made to date.

Prime Housing specialises in rural affordable housing and might be interested in working with a local landowner if he has a suitably sized opportunity.

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**

NT has updated his paper following the last meeting but still has work to do on summarising the evidence and developing policies. **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 had updated her paper on wellbeing and the economy and circulated a draft in the agreed format. Most of the meeting was taken up with discussion of the paper and focused on agreeing the general and sub-objectives. It was agreed that the general objective should be “to make the parish and even better place to live and work”. It was also agreed that there would be four sub-objectives, as follows:

- Maintaining the right balance between working people, retired people and second home owners
- Supporting businesses that are compatible with our rural environment
- Keeping our Parish beautiful, green and with a low crime rate
- Strengthening our community spirit.

PB will update her paper. **PB action**

## **9. Next meeting**

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