

Minutes of the Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan meeting held in the Garden Room of All Saints Church at 7pm on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

Present: Guy Boorman (Chairman), Terry Nolan, Richard Day, Aslam Javaid, Mark McNeill, Carl Blenkinsop, Emma Stevens, Greg Malone, Bede Townsend, Richard Cobden.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jocelyn Bleriot and Jon Pearson

2. The meeting commenced with Guy Boorman detailing his own concern with the recent progress of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which has been previously emailed to all. The conversation then moved on to the minutes of the most recent Parish Council (PC) meeting which made reference to the same subject. The PC had asked the SG to look at streamlining the NP and to provide the PC with what the SG considered to be support priorities.

This subject was opened up to the group for discussion. It quickly became clear that the group felt that they had all carried out as much work as they were able, had expected or should produce, more in some instances. Concerns were expressed that the process was at risk of taking longer than expected and that much of our evidence could be out of date if not used soon. In addition the group collectively felt that the NP process had now reached the stage whereby its findings and evidence should be handed over to a planning professional in order that they might produce a draft NP as the SG did not have the necessary skills/time required to do this.

**Agreed.** The SG were unanimous in agreeing that the production of a draft NP should now be handed over to professionals familiar with such matters.

3. The SG then discussed what they considered to be the key already established community priorities for a streamlined NP which should form the basis of any tender to produce the NP

**Agreed:** The following list of priorities for the NP was agreed

The protection of green spaces/gaps including existing wild life zones

To ensure that there is no settlement coalescence

Control housing development size and ensure that it met a proven local need

Ensure future development ties in with existing housing density

Protect and retain the Parishes rural character

Support and encourage small scale business within the Parish including those already in existence and furthermore to support the re-introduction of a post office

Protect the community from the threats presented by coastal erosion and flooding

4. Taking the above in to consideration the SG discussed the best way forward in terms of utilising the services of an outside planning expert to produce the streamlined NP.

**Agreed:** The SG recommends that the Parish Council seek three quotes to produce a daft NP, making use of all the evidence and work so far undertaken by the SG. These quotes should be based upon, amongst other things, the General Survey, Housing Needs Survey, Real Planning analysis, documented feedback from other community events and any other useful information obtained by the various sub groups. The SG suggests that the quotes should be sought from:

Martha James of Plan Research, by way of her current involvement in the plan and knowledge of the area and the groups work to date.

JG Consulting, the company who analysed the information gleaned from the Housing Needs Survey and expanded this by with further evidence gathering.

One other, ideally a planner/company who has already undertaken a similar task.

It was also agreed that in light of the above the SG would be unlikely require Miles Seymour of Seymour Communications to action the second part of his original quote, namely the document design and preparation of artwork.

The meeting drew to a close at 8.05 pm.