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Minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held in the Village Hall, Bishops Lydeard on
Thursday 21st August 2014 at 5.00pm

Persons present: Cllrs Rigby (Chair) and Martin

Persons absent: Cllrs Warmington and Partington

In attendance: Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk), Approximately 3 members of the public

17/14 Apologies

No apologies were received.

18/14 Adoption of the minutes of previous meeting

Having been previously circulated, the minutes from the meeting held on 17th July were agreed as an accurate record.

19/14 Update on Neighbourhood Plan Preparation

Chair confirmed that focus group meetings have now been completed. Work now concentrating on translating the outcomes of the focus groups into the Neighbourhood Plan content.

Informal meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee scheduled to take place next week.

Confident that a draft of the plan will go to the Parish Council on 10th September and Neighbourhood Planning Committee on 18th September.

Expected that some changes to the draft will be required before the formal 6 week consultation period commences.

20/14 Public Questions (approx 15 minutes)

In summary the public questions raised at the meeting and the responses were as follows:

1. Will the focus group volunteers be needed to help with any other aspects of developing the plan?

Chair confirmed that Focus Group volunteers will receive a copy of the initial draft of the plan to look over and give feedback.

2. Did the Neighbourhood Planning Committee think that running focus groups was a useful exercise?

The Chair confirmed that the focus groups and the help of the volunteers that formed them was very useful. Chair explained that the involvement in the community in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan was crucial and a requirement.

3. A member of the public requested confirmation of the process to develop the plan going forward.

Chair confirmed that the process and timescales at each stage of the process.

4. A member of the public asked if the committee were aware of any new planning applications for quantities of houses in the Parish.

Chair and Clerk confirmed that no new applications had been received.

21/14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 18th September 2014 at 5.00pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.25pm.

Signed(Chair) Date.....