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Minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held in the Village Hall, Bishops Lydeard on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 5.50pm

**Persons present:** Cllrs Rigby (Chair), Martin and Partington

**Persons absent:** Cllr Warmington

**In attendance:** Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk), 7 members of the public

**27/14 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**28/14 Adoption of the minutes of previous meeting**

Having been previously circulated, the minutes from the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October were agreed as an accurate record.

**29/14 Update on Neighbourhood Plan Preparation**

Chair confirmed that since the last meeting a Planning Consultant, Mark Pollock had been instructed by the Parish Council to take a look over the draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan. Mark Pollock reported back to the Parish Council suggesting amendments and improvements to the plan and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. This report was considered by the Parish Council at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November. It was agreed at that meeting that the Parish Council would ask Mark Pollock if he was available to make the suggested amendments to the plan and Sustainability Appraisal scoping report and for a quote for these works. Mark Pollock has put forward a quote, which was agreed by an extra Parish Council meeting which took place immediately before this Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting.

Mark Pollock will begin liaising with TDBC as required and meet with the Neighbourhood Planning Committee informally next week to start the process of developing a final draft of the plan.

A draft is expected to be available for consideration at the Parish Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**30/14 Public Questions (approx 15 minutes)**

Will the draft Neighbourhood Plan be shared with members of the public who have been involved in helping to develop it?

Chair confirmed that the draft version, when received from Mark Pollock, will be shared with those on the NP distribution list.

What are the revised timescales for the referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan?

Chair confirmed that the target of a referendum around or on the same day as the general elections still remains. A revised timetable will be developed for the next Parish Council and Neighbourhood Planning Committee meetings.

Is a further draft available now following amendments to the last draft version?

Chair confirmed that a further complete draft wasn't available but all comments put forward about the last draft will / have been forward to Mark Pollock for consideration in developing the final draft.

Is it necessary to include the affordable housing element in the proposed housing at the Paddock?

Chair confirmed that the proportion of required affordable housing is set at around 25%. The Planning Application in respect of the Paddock will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Are the rumours about the Lethbridge becoming a Tesco store true?

Chair confirmed that rumours such as these have been circulating for the last 18 months or so and as a result the Parish Council took the precautionary measure of requesting that the Lethbridge be added to the register of Assets of Community Value. The Parish Council has also recently successfully requested the addition of the Bird In Hand to the register.

It was noted that the timescales were quite tight for the planning consultant to develop a further draft of the plan. Any information requirements that Mark Pollock has will be ascertained during the meeting with him next week.

**31/14 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 5.00pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.35pm.

Signed .....(Chair) Date.....