

**STEWKLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TEAM
APRIL 2017 REPORT.**

| Headings | Notes |
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| Working Groups progress | Working Group Reports & draft policies have been submitted from all Groups other than Recreation. The situation remains unchanged as the Housing Group cannot complete until final decisions are made on sites to be promoted for development. Copies of Pro Forma comments have been supplied to all relevant Chairman & they will need to discuss with their members to determine whether charges to their reports are now necessary in the light of this consultation. |
| Chairmans' comments | The NPSG Terms of Reference Policy have been revised and now awaits signatures. I would like to acknowledge the excellent work undertaken by Gill & Natasha by bringing both the Web site & Drop Box up to date. The Exhibition proved to be a success with many compliments on the hard work undertaken by all concerned. Attendance of 135 was a little disappointing, although the interest was high. Final consultation from this process will be completed on 15 th April following which the NPSG will need to try and evaluate the comments and come to a decision on recommendations for the SPC to consider. A very useful meeting was attended with the representative of the Soulbury Road site owners. My aim is to bring this development into the NP & propose a range of new homes that will meet the parish requirements. |
| Things to be completed next month | Evaluate the responses to the Public Exhibition on 11 th March on sites and draft policies. Determine whether further consultation on the subject is necessary. Prepare publication for the May Grapevine providing details of the views expressed at the Exhibition. Service Agreement with consultant Paul Jobson to be agreed & signed by SPC. Meeting with Paul to commence suggestions on layout & content of the NP. Green & Open Spaces report to be completed. SEA to be commenced once final location of new development sites is agreed |
| Issues raised by working groups | One issue is causing concern amongst a group of residents and this is the C&H Policy 1 draft to include the Church Yard in Open Spaces not to be built on in the future. This conflicts with the Church Plans to build a facility in the churchyard in order to grow church attendances, particularly from young families. It is a shame this issue has now become part of the Neighbourhood Plan. There is a point of view the Church Yard is private property and not an Open Space & a separate paper will be provided by the NP Chairman to the NPSG on the subject. They in turn will then report to the SPC. |
| Actions/Decisions required | If proposed sites for development are agreed prepare SEA for these. Ensure Consultant has access to all documentation for the preparation of plan. Parish Council to agree future use of Section 106 money. Liaise with Housing Associations re a suitable development of rented & shared ownership home in the village. |
| Budget required | |

Neil Dickens - Chairman of Neighbourhood Planning Team – 29th March 2017.