

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

Headings	Notes
Working Groups progress	As a result of AVDC declaring a reduced number of new homes necessary for Stewkley Parish the matter needed a total review. It was agreed the matter required public consultation and residents of the Parish have been given the opportunity to select one of three options for the Neighbourhood Plan. Namely 101, 127 or 150 new homes. Results of this consultation will be known on Monday 13 th November. The NPSG will then seek confirmation of the number with the Parish Council at their meeting on 4 th December. Thereafter progress will continue with the NP.
Chairmans' comments	Progress has been made with the sale of 66HSN & completion is imminent. Work on removing the roof of the existing house is to re locate Bats & this has been approved with relevant authorities. Progress has also been made with Soulbury Road and a meeting has now been requested to discuss final plans for Section 106 matters. Potential developers for Site 20 Wing Road will be producing their revised proposals to the Chairman on 7 th or 8 th of November. This is solely for information only. It is understood they plan to shortly carry out their own public survey in the nearby area.
Things to be completed next month	Due to the current public consultation it has been necessary to virtually stop work on the SEA. The Chairman has liaised with the Chairman of Cheddington NP seeking advice on the preparation of their SEA. However, as they engaged a consultant to do the work they had no knowledge of the procedures. There is a requirement to consult certain Statutory bodies over a Scoping Survey before work starts on the assessment. AVDC advises Stewkley must consult Natural England, Historic England, the Environment Agency & AVDC and give them 28days to respond before the assessment can commence. This is proving an extremely complex matter and I have some hesitation whether we have the qualifications within the volunteer group to cater for it. The NP cannot go forward without the SEA & we are talking about a 30 to 40page document.
Issues raised by working groups	Nothing to Report.
Actions/Decisions required	It would be helpful if the Parish Clerk could please be in possession of the committed NP figures on expenditure to date for the meeting on Monday.
Budget required	

Neil Dickens - Chairman of Neighbourhood Planning Team – 3rd November 2017..