

To: Parish Clerk <stewkleyparishclerk@gmail.com>

Rob,

Please circulate this email to all Parish Councillors for their meeting on 4th June.

Please accept my apology for not using the normal format for my monthly report, this is due to the fact I am currently on holiday in Brittany, France. I return to Stewkley on Saturday 2nd June and plan to attend the meeting next Monday.

Further progress with the NP has been made in the last month. On 16th May those available from the SNSG attended a meeting with Roger Willis. Roger is an experienced property developer and he was asked to challenge the wording of the proposed NP Policies to be included in the Plan. This proved to be an excellent meeting resulting in some of the policies needing to be reworded and others abandoned. Following the meeting Steve Nicholl and I went through the notes of the evening, modified those policies that simply needed adjustment, referred others to their Working Group Chairs for reconsideration or dispensed with those no longer required due to legalisation or inclusion already in the VALP.

It was also apparent from the meeting that additional consultation needed to be achieved with the residents of Littlecote and this is now in hand.

A copy of the 2nd draft of the NP as prepared by Paul Jobson is now in the hands of Gill, Steve, Janette and myself. Whilst Gill is preparing an additional chapter on the Village Questionnaire and results, Steve & Neil are going through the draft to correct inaccuracies and remove matters that are considered unnecessary.

Janette is on holiday. All other members will shortly be receiving a copy of the 2nd draft as corrected and set out in a fashion that should make it easier to refer to. (Para numbers & Page numbers). hopefully this will also include the additional chapter being prepared by Gill.

I plan to attend a so called Neighbourhood HIVE at Reading University on 6th June. Representatives of Neighbourhoods across England are invited to the one day Conference with Workshops to discuss the process of Neighbourhood Planning. I have two places reserved and it would be preferable to be accompanied if anyone would please volunteer.

A copy of the SEA has gone to Paul Jobson for comment and I also await response from AVDC re questions I have raised with regard to the Settlement/Development Boundary.

It is proving increasingly difficult to get a full Planning Team together and presently I only have six of the 12 members attending the next Steering Group. We have gone a long way with our research and consultation and I hope we can finish the job appropriately.

**Neil Dickens
Chairman**