

Cradley and Storridge NDP group meeting 09/07/2015 7pm at cradley village hall

Chris Lowder (Chair), Geoff Fielding, Jeff White, Alan Eldridge, Tanya Lloyd-Jones, Seonaid Barber

Public Attendance <10. Note taken that meeting was not represented on parish notice boards as advised by county council.

Prior to Agenda discussion chairman reiterated that NDP group responsible to needs and aspirations of whole community and is required, as is the parish council, to be responsive and impartial.

1 Apologies for absence received from Anne Scarbrook prior to meeting

2 Introduction of new members. Seonaid Barber invited and welcomed onto group

3 Agreement of minutes from 11/06/15. Item 5, questionnaires should be numbered. Comments should be included and notes made available for parish.

Item 6 Funding( brought forward) Chair gave summary of funding status which is back online with the county council (as opposed to big lottery funding). There is training available for NDP participants

Unscheduled item. Concise and competent appeal made by Hugh Forsyth regarding the inaccuracies in settlement boundary as appearing on inset plan11 (map which last year's questionnaire based on), which is not high quality and affects up to 3 domestic curtilages (Stoney Villa, The Elms in East Cradley and a 3rd In West Cradley). Residents of StoneyVilla are most affected and presented a comprehensive summary of the problem, as affecting their property, including full historical representation of 3 agreed planning events at Stoney Villa, 2 agreed by MHDC and 1 by HC. The chair and group agreed it must be brought before the parish council to correct the mistake. Although residents of Stoney Villahave not yet raised a petition, discussion with 88 villagers has led to 86 giving their signed support for Stoney to remain within the settlement boundary, which will stay in place until 2031. Residents of Stoney Villa confirmed they are NOT including an adjoining field, which will remain agricultural. It was agreed to bring the matter forward at the usual parish council meeting on Tuesday at 7pm. Mr Forsyth gave thanks for time discussing matter and circulated a 10 page document for presentation to the parish council as advised.

4 Review of draft questionnaire(s). Draft questionnaire as presented on 25/06/15 at cradley village hall (prepared by Geoff Fielding) and revised simplified draft (prepared by Alan Eldridge).

Agreements included final draft must keep point of fact that housing need is currently met and not present bias towards any particular development. Comments from audience to keep document simple to encourage widespread participation as a foremost concern. Each proposals six bullet points generally accepted (minor admin discrepancies corrected) but motion to move all website information to an appendices tabled. Cradley sports club proposal to be encouraged to include web site information in this (as only proposal without web link). Consideration to including environmental constraints and statement of facts in this appendix (as opposed to alongside each proposal). Audience and chair commented on how to ensure those with barrier to IT will access information if not explicitly presented in questionnaire. Discussion of how data provided by parishioners will be organised and 'counted' especially in regard to specific proposals reiterated

need for fair simplicity to encourage broad participation. Consideration given to cost of production, circulation and analysis of eventual questionnaire

5 Timetable of events. The AIM to present a document for referendum by spring 2016. Next meeting to be arranged.

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