

Sandleheath

Parish Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

MINUTES 13th January 2025

1. Present were ; Steve Smith (SS), Mike Parker (MP), Gary Butler (GB), Nigel Holmes (NH) and Tom Ward (TW)
2. Apologies from Lindsey Malcom (LM) and Debbie Phillips (DP)
3. Call for sites review with ONH. TW was not present for this part of the meeting to avoid any conflict of interest. He arrived after this discussion.
Using the standard method of evaluating houses for a main village, ONH have concluded the figure should be 4.2 dwellings pa. This gives around 60 houses for a 15 year plan. This was a figure we need to keep in mind given the pressures being put on local councils by the government for new build.
At this stage there are 8 responses to the call for sites and it was decided to ignore one of these as it was just for one house and did not for our criteria for developments of a few houses.
The other 7 sites were discussed and it was agreed to show all these on the website as a red line site view for the residents to see them all. These will be shown with benefit and constraints, so people have a good idea of what is available. Residents will be asked to rank all the sites shown,
To encourage residents to go on site we agreed to produce a leaflet which we will hand deliver to every household. We will also hold another Open event on February 5th from 3.00pm to 6.30pm.
Action.. SS to check with ONH how any residents could respond at the Open evening rather than online.
Decisions on the sites will depend on resident feedback, the SEA results as well as the steering group rating based on our agreed criteria.
Note.. following this meeting the 7 sites to be shown has been increased to 8.
4. The previous minutes from 19th December 2024 were agreed and signed.
5. There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
6. Update on the grant applications. We have now been approved for the SEA and HRA applications as well as the second tranche of the full grant.
7. Review of the Survey returns. It was felt this had gone well and extra data will be compiled and sent to ONH. **Action ..**SS
8. Review of the Open evening. This went well and we agreed to follow the same format in February.
9. Feedback from the Early Engagement leaflets..These seemed to be well received.
10. Early Engagement survey..This is now closed and ONH have all the results which we discussed. In total we had 197 responses to the policies, so between 10-30 per items.
11. Review web site and blogs..Both looking very good and the next blog will focus on Feb 5th meeting.
12. AOB..none
13. Next meeting date was set as March 10th 2025^h at 6.15pm

Signed

Steve Smith Chairman NPSG