

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Planning Meeting  
held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 - In the Pavilion at 8pm**

**Present: -** Cllrs Jeffery (Chairman), Clarke, Coppell, Downen, Kemp, Murchison, Ranger, Tillotson and Zirker.

**Apologies: -** Cllr Burhop and Lipczynski

**In attendance: -** D G Atkins (Clerk & RFO) and 10 Members of the Public.

**Open Session**

Barry Easter enquired as to when comments on the KAW application were to be taken. The chairman replied when the item is discussed. Shan Merritt sought an answer as to a June newsletter, agreed that it is to be sent as it is and an item on the newsletter to be placed on the next Agenda. She also referred to the Yew tree in the old cemetery and considered it needed attention regarding ivy and bramble growth. The clerk advised that he would inspect it the following day.

**Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Kemp in respect of planning application 15/1071/FUL personal re. horse training.

**Planning applications received**

A) 15/1071/FUL – Otter Dene Equestrian Centre, Venn Ottery

Proposal: - Construction of timber workshop.

Resolved to have a site inspection for clarification (note – site inspection held, no objections raised. The workshop is required for building shepherd’s huts as holiday homes).

Councillor Ranger raised the point that public responses to planning applications should be sent to the Clerk (as stated on the Planning Agenda). The clerk responded that it had been stated that many times in the past that any such responses to the planning authority EDDC, copies should be sent to the Clerk so that they could be considered by the Parish Council.

**Consideration of Boundary Commission, Review of Devon Council Ward Boundaries Draft Recommendation**

Cllr Coppell was invited to lead on this matter as he had requested that the Parish Council consider a response.

He referred to the fact the Otter Valley’s description met with support as it reflected the views of the District Council Ward. Cllr Coppell offered to write up a draft response.

Cllr Kemp considered that the Venn Ottery area had more in common with the Otter Valley. It was resolved to respond that the Parish Council supports the draft proposal for the Parish to be part of the Otter Valley County ward.

Proposed Cllr Coppell  
Seconded Cllr Downen

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Parish Council recommendations on the emerging local plan.

The public present were given the opportunity to raise their concerns, positive and negative.

Mr Easter raised the point of the Inspector's comments in respect of the appeal at Down Close where he noted that the Inspector had doubts as to the strength of the 5 year land supply being in place at this time.

Cllr Coppell set out the detailed views expressed: -

- The highest one being economic growth
- Not being sustainable
- Exeter Growth
- Housing Boom
- Sustainable settlements
- East Budleigh and West Hill were highlighted in respect of shop provision
- BUAB's being removed in small parishes
- Concern at Affordable Housing provision and the priority given. Cllr Ranger considered as District Cllr
- The numbers of houses/growth do not make sense. School capacity was also featured
- The last review of numbers was in 2011
- Mr Easter, a retired planning officer, referred at this point to the fact that now that the two sites previously considered for development under the SHLAA process had been dismissed at appeal, this now meant little or no sites were left. The exception being Waterleat and/or large gardens generally. It was considered obligations should be taken more seriously
- Development should only take place inside the BUAB in small clusters
- It was also pointed out that development on the A3052 highlights the incapacity of the infrastructure or inadequacy of the roads, drainage etc. It was also considered that the AONB restriction on development appears to not apply in some areas. It was also strongly considered that: -
- Tourism was the main business of the area and this could be damaged by further increased inappropriate development
- Cllr Coppell was asked to put forward a draft response for Councillors to comment on.

Response to the Local Plan needed to be in by 12 June.

### **KAW reserved matters consideration of the proposal**

The Chairman had collated comments from various meetings and previous discussions and put a copy on the Parish Council web site, apologizing for the lateness of doing so.

Discussion of the document went through each section and individual points to identify issues where there was agreement and points for further discussion. Additional points were made during discussion. Agreement was attained on most points with a few areas, size of surgery and cul de sac vs loop road not resolved.

Chair invited further comments by email. Will revise the document along the lines of where the PC support and issues that the District Council should take into account during their discussion. Further work by email and agreement by Councillors on the final submission.

### **Closure**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.