

THE COMMUNITY HOUSING WORKING GROUP.

Minutes of second meeting: 5th July 2006.

1. PRESENT.

Robin Hogg (RH), Robin Geldard (RG), Chris Bradley (CB), Suzie Cooper (SC), Nicky Tewson (NT), Paul Francombe (PF).

2. DISCUSSION & DECISIONS.

- The main purpose of the meeting was to agree a short “Work-in-Progress Report” to the Chairman of the NNPC. This would be forwarded after comment on the 7th July.
- It was also agreed that the Chairman would, if invited to do so, give a brief verbal report to the NNPC on the 13th July.
- There was discussion of several **key issues:**
 - The Need for a **“Reality Check” with the SHDC**. Bearing in mind the problems associated with the requirement for all Rural Exception Sites to be 100% affordable, we need to discuss the ‘CHWG model’ with the Planners to see what leeway was available to us to modify this rule.
 - Despite an article in the Parish Magazine (Circulation 800) there had been no formal takers for Community Housing. **It was agreed that we would seek assistance from “The Nose” and make use of “Flyers” on poles around the villages to try and extract some accurate idea of the actual requirement.** There was general agreement that we needed to refine our target of “approximately 100 housing units over the next decade”.
 - **Further investigation was required to get a better feel for two of the selected sites.** RG would approach Mr Steggles and Mr Yonge. It was also agreed that the Collaton Site should be looked at, not just as employment land but, maybe, as a **mixed Employment and Residential site.**
 - There would be serious costs involved in taking the study of these sites forward once we knew how many people were in the market for ‘Community Housing’. The landowners themselves would have to be the prime drivers in this but the CHWG would look into ways in which they could be helped.
 - NT & PF had already done a lot of work on Eligibility Criteria. This would be further developed.

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting would be held at **7 pm on Wednesday 6th September at Anchor House.**