

## **Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 at 7 pm in the pavilion.**

### **Present** John Willis

Mark Bloomfield  
Tricia Edwards  
Richard Edwards  
Tony Strudwick  
Bob Waters

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed

### **Review of Membership**

This has to go back to the Parish Council for ratification

### **Financial Matters**

It was agreed to apply for a grant now the new grant system was open. An application would be made for expenses incurred during the present financial year up to March and then another application for next year once the costs were known.

### **Future Developments**

Mark outlined the main points which had emerged from the questionnaire as recommendations for consideration. They were:-

### **Housing**

- Use the NP to increase the discount on the First Homes Scheme (including informing the village of the scheme and discount)
- Encourage Private renters
- Encourage future developments to increase proportion of 'affordable' 2 bedroom homes (The NP will have to define what it means by 'affordable' rather than taking the national or BDC definitions).
- Discourage future developments having large quantities of 4-5 bedroom homes
- Robust Design Policy.

### **Road Safety**

- Campaign for a crossing in the Street
- More SIDs (permanent or temporary)
- Campaign for twenty's Plenty in the Street
- Campaign for extension of 30mph limit to Petersfield lane, the entrance of the airfield & Russell's Road.
- Campaign for a cycling route to Halstead and Braintree.

### **Other**

- Creation of a Business Support Plan

- Creation of a Nature Reserve Plan
- Encourage & Campaign for more village policing
- Encourage maintenance of bus routes
- Plan to encourage greater use of ‘ open-space’
- ‘increase’ Street lighting
- Greater use of the Grapevine to inform the village of what is happening (both from the NP & the PC)

A discussion of all these issues took place and although nothing was decided, enough progress was made as to form the nucleus of the Plan. It was agreed to put an article in the next edition of the Grapevine to outline our visions and objectives.

**The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**