

**SOUTH LENCHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**  
**MEETING JANUARY 21st 2021, 6.00pm, HELD VIRTUALLY. MEETING NO: 11**

**Present:** Morgan Murray (Chair), Carolyn Hodges (PC), Mel Shore (PC), Jen Fletcher, Julia Tyrell (now PC), Denise Oates, David Proops, Chrissie Brown and Nicky Holland (Clerk to PC).

**1. Welcome and apologies** - No apologies received. Minutes from meeting dated October 22nd 2020 approved by all.

**2. Summary of progress since October meeting:** Have had virtual meetings with Planning Consultant, (Notes circulated to members), and today with Simon Purfield, who did the original Lenches Survey questionnaire in 2016. He is happy do a revised version of that survey. All documents have been circulated to all prior to the meeting - please email Morgan with comments. Have received an inquiry from a member of the public regarding the Preferred Options Site where land identified along Low Road for housing.

**3. Public Question Time:** Nil present.

**4. Discussion of new set of valued landscapes:** Advice received from Planning Consultant the examiner will look at the site and if it does not have a WOW factor it will be crossed off the list. JT and MM have looked at all the sites recently and reassessed them. If anyone has any comments on the reassessed sites please let Morgan know.

**5. Discussion of new set of Policies:** Policies to be written in concise and easy language in order to produce evidence and justification to explain the policies. Looked at Tourism; Businesses; Housing Policy. Have looked at a number of Neighbourhood Plans to ensure that the South Lenches document and its policies are being written correctly. The structure of the policy, especially the housing policy, has to be written to state preferences for the type of building, individual design etc. What is outside our control is the number of houses allocated and the housing policy cannot compete with the SWDP. Please all give feedback on the documents that have been submitted; some policies need to be rephrased and likely to be revised by the Planning Consultant.

**6. Next Steps:**

**6.1 Updated survey - Questions & Strategies:** Last done few years ago. Need to have a shorter updated survey in place. Use questions from last survey rephrased. Simon Purfield to collate and submit report of survey housing development that the Village would like to have. Will take 6-8 weeks to produce documents and collate findings. May be delivered by post or by hand depending on COVID 19 implications.

**6.2 Maps for Sheriffs Lench:** Chrissie to review the map area of the hamlet.

**6.3 Expert review and feedback:** Initial response from Group that the documents put together was concise, clearer, an easy read and well written. No final housing allocation yet as the SWDP allocates housing to the Villages. The Village has been allocated now to a Category 2 Village. There is no final allocation of housing from the SWDP as update to the document has been delayed due to COVID 19.

**6.3 Expected date of next meeting:** 22nd March 2021.

**Meeting closed at 6.50pm.**