Neighbourhood Plan

Brief Update for Parish Council Meeting – 16th June 2021

Housing Needs Survey (HNS)

A virtual meeting with RCCE has been scheduled for 17th June to discuss the draft HNS report. The main areas for discussion are:

- Comparison between the requirements for affordable homes for local people as detailed in the HNS and those shown in the Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) previously carried out on our behalf by a consultant
- How these requirements will be impacted by the total of 148 new affordable homes recently built, currently under construction or at the detailed planning stage
- The possible inclusion of recommendations in the HNS as to how the NP might address the mismatch between incomes of local residents wishing to move and the cost of affordable homes being built in the parish by the national housebuilders

A virtual meeting has also been arranged on 18th June with Eastlight Housing Association in order to understand more about how new affordable homes in the village are allocated. This meting will also be used to inform Eastlight about the recommendations in the draft HNS report related to the housing needs of existing village residents.

Landscape Character Assessment (LCA)

We have received confirmation this week that the funding application for the LCA has been successful. An initial site meeting with the consultant who will undertake this project can now be arranged.

Design Code

We have also received confirmation this week that approval has been given for the Design Code Technical Support Package. The consultant appointed will shortly be in touch to discuss how we proceed.

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