Notes of a meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 5th April 2022

**Sutton Benger Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

Attending: Nicola Hayward; Peter Oldale; David Thomson, Martin Verspeak and Ruth Gaunt

**Apologies**; Neil Roynan

**Minutes** – of the meeting on 22nd March 2022 were approved and **David** was asked to send a copy of these to Martin for the website.

**Funding** – Nicola had confirmed that we needed an Invoice for the expenditure to the end of the year. Any underspend will need to be returned. We would need (with Bluestone’s assistance) to make a new bid for the current year’s expenditure, and it was understood that monies would be forthcoming for projects in progress. **Nicola** will work with Bluestone and Linda to clarify the position and submit the necessary documents.

**Concerns about Planning Applications** – Ruth raised some concerns about a couple of Applications that were going through at the moment. Gate Farm seemed to be applying to increase the number of accesses onto the main road through the village. Martin pointed out evidence from one of the motoring organisations indicating that a proliferation of accesses can lead to an increased risk of accidents, and **Martin** was asked to provide this evidence to **Nicola** who would draft an Objection. On Langley Burrell Farm it was proposed to replace the old sheds with new. The implication being that the number of chickens on site would double, and so would the traffic movements, including heavy lorries. This doubling of capacity was understood to be within the licensed numbers for birds on site – so it was unlikely that this alone would be a valid objection. However, the number fo lorries could intensify as the usage on the site intensifies and this is of concern locally. This would contradict our emerging policy on page 69.

**Housing Needs Survey** – The full revised draft was received back from Wiltshire and Ruth agreed to take it to the Parish Council so they could note its contents. This would enable Wiltshire to make it a public document. It was noted that it was consistent with the report from five years ago, showing very little latent demand even for affordable housing, and so was generally supportive to the approach the group had been taking. **Ruth** agreed to raise this with the Clerk and the Chairman. At this stage it seemed unlikely that anyone else would need to attend the meeting.

**Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan** – was sent through by Bluestone and we discussed the way ahead. One or two of us had read parts of it and Nicola had started to analyse the missing information and given some thought as to how we might tackle this. It was agreed that **Nicola** should continue and allocate sections as she saw fit… **David** to look at the housing numbers, **Peter** to check the green spaces, etc. She would do this early next week and share by way of Trello

**Viewpoint assessment – Martin** and **Peter** have started to get out and take some photos. Nicola would cross check the list they have with other photos to see if there is any benefit in adding any to their site visits. They hope to have the southern photos taken by Easter.

**Green Spaces** – a logon had been sorted to sort out the mapping for the work Peter had carried out on Green Spaces.

**Communication opportunities –** We thought it might be timely to do an update on communications, with the draft plan being under active consideration. The following options were identified… a Parish Magazine update; Vision and Objectives to go onto Facebook; attend the Village Meeting on Wednesday 25th May. We would keep these under review.

**Next meeting** – we agreed that we should not meet on the 19th April, because of Easter week, but that we would concentrate on the actions listed above. We would schedule a catch up later.

The meeting ended at 7:25pm

David Thomson

11th April 2022

(Note:- An **emboldened name** implies there is an action for you)