

# Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Plan

7pm, Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2018  
Memorial Hall, Sturminster Marshall

## Minutes

There were 52 members of the public present.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Simon Trueick, Planning Policy Manager at East Dorset and Christchurch Councils.

### 2. Speaker – Simon Trueick (East Dorset District Council)

Mr Trueick gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Plans (See Appendix 1).

A detailed discussion followed on the relationship between the proposed Local Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan. It was emphasised that the Neighbourhood Plan would not be able to stop any proposed development. Mr Trueick commented that many of the issues being raised should be covered as input into the Local Plan discussion. The Local Plan Review has been delayed so the next version of the document will not be published until the end of 2019.

### 3. Open Forum

- Support from EDDC. This would be from the Community Team and the Planning Team. It will be complicated by the Local Government Review so support will be limited.
- Budget - The question of budget was discussed and it was commented that there are grants available from central Government but some would need to come from the Parish Council and this would have to be reflected in the precept.
- Decision Making – the document would need to be agreed by the Parish Council and District Council but the formation of the document would be by the Steering Group and it would ultimately be agreed by the whole community with a referendum.
- Questionnaire – this would need to cover lots of topics; education; housing; transport etc.
- Location of development – the Neighbourhood Plan can look at different locations for development.
- What can come out of the Neighbourhood Plan – social housing tenure; facilities; location of development; infrastructure.
- Timing – the Neighbourhood Plan will take at least 12 months if not more

#### 4. Next Steps

It was agreed that another meeting should be held and to invite another Parish Council that had completed a Neighbourhood Plan to learn from their experiences.