

Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Plan

7.30pm, Wednesday 28th November, 2018

Memorial Hall, Sturminster Marshall

Minutes

There were 21 members of the public present.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced John Baker from Buckland Newton Parish Council

2. Speaker – Cllr John Baker (Buckland Newton Parish Council)

Cllr Baker gave a presentation on his experience with Neighbourhood Plans (See Appendix 1).

Questions:

Did the Parish Council match fund the Neighbourhood Plan?

The Parish Council committed £500 and raised money locally. They were given £1600 from the District Council. They spent a lot more after the initial consultation. There are different Government grants from Locality.

How was the Working Group set up?

The working groups were open to everyone but this was sometimes difficult to advertise with little notice. They tried to bring on board the school, businesses, people who worked in the parish with banners and poster.

Why was there no need for an Environment Impact Assessment?

This depends on the area you are in and impact on SSSIs, designated areas etc. The AONB team were supportive of the plan.

What was the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan area?

The same as the Parish Boundary.

What was the largest housing site that was suggested?

6 dwellings. There was then a discussion about the 250 dwellings proposed in the Local Plan but it was concluded that the Neighbourhood Plan would have to work within this.

Do you feel like the NP was a success?

It took a long time but they are still glad it was completed. When the dwellings are complete there will be 34 new homes with 15 affordable dwellings. The properties have more space.

How much will it cost?

Possibly in the region of £20,000.

3. Open Forum

- The Neighbourhood Plan can influence the Local Plan and can shape what the new houses will look like. There is a need in the village for 2/3 bedroom homes.
- Sturminster Marshall is very desirable and everyone would need to engage with the community to advertise the NP.
- There is a need for affordable housing – shared ownership etc
- It is really important to have a voice

4. Next Steps

It was agreed that the next meeting would form a working group and decide on ways forward for the plan.