

Minutes of the West Alvington Parish Council single issue, Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 25th September 2018

7 Parish Councillors were in attendance as well as 10 Parishioners, District Councillor Judy Pearce and District Councillor Simon Wright, Jen Chester and Joan Johns

Apologies: Cllr Rufus Gilbert

Cllr Geoffrey Rossetti opened the meeting with outlining what needed to be discussed:

- To clarify the process of the neighbourhood plan
- Discuss where WAPC are in that process and what the role is?
- What do any spin off groups do?
- Clarify the role of WAPC representatives at the joint neighbourhood plan group

The role of a neighbourhood plan information that was sent by Peter Sandover could be made available to the parish council.

Cllr Geoffrey Rossetti actually wanted to question whether infact WAPC should be involved in the neighbourhood plan.

Chair Margaret Kitt raised the concern from some councillors that actions were being taken without discussion with the whole Parish Council first.

Cllr Alyson Smith thought that the representatives from WAPC would attend the joint neighbourhood plan meetings and then report back at WAPC meetings, but did not feel to date that that had happened.

A parishioner commented that West Alvington is a very separate area to Kingsbridge and very rural.

Attendees at the meeting were reminded that WAPC had agreed to be part of the joint neighbourhood plan back in July.

Cllr Judy Pearce explained that the District Joint Local Plan sets out the housing needs up to 2034. The government as a whole is tightening up on housing in AONBs. There is no housing allocated to West Alvington in the Joint Local Plan, this does not mean that housing should not be built. The Neighbourhood plan would help protect the village environmentally, historically and from a conservation point of view. Cllr Pearce felt that it was a good idea to be part of a joint plan with Kingsbridge and Churchstow due to the size of West Alvington.

Members of Kingsbridge Town Council were in the meeting and wanted to make it clear that there are no town councillors on the neighbourhood plan steering group, instead is made up of local interested people.

Cllr Alayli was very clear that the people of West Alvington wanted to be part of the neighbourhood plan but was not convinced that the WAPC wanted to be involved.

After discussion it was decided that WAPC would remain involved in the joint neighbourhood plan with Churchstow and Kingsbridge with more clearly defined roles and processes of WAPC representatives. Cllr Alayli stepped down from any further involvement with the neighbourhood plan group and wished everyone well with it.

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