

Monday 13th January 2020

7.30pm at PVH- Ron Doble Room

Present:

Derek Troughton (DT)

Dave Stevens (DS)

John Coombe (JC)

Peter Begley (PB)

Fredi Burdge (FB)

Karen Kennedy (KK)

Martin Pearson (MP)

Graham Whitby (GW)

Jo Witherden – Dorset Planning Consultant Ltd (JW)

Michele Harding (MH)

Apologies: Ray Doggett (RD), Ruth Chipp-Marshall (RCM), Saira Sawtell (SS) Stewart Bayram (SB)

Prior to the meeting of the group there was a V4C website update PB, DT & MH

- 1. Housekeeping and Apologies-** recorded
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting – 25th November 2019-** agreed as a true record
Proposed PB Seconded GW
- 3. Matters arising/Actions –** outstanding actions from previous meeting
 - a. Emails – DT to liaise with SB to get email working on his device ACTION DT/SB- ongoing **Action DT**
- 4. Action review-** All other actions were reported or reviewed
- 5. Survey No 1 Analysis on Feedback JW**

Joe Witherden spoke on the analysis and initial feedback. There was a very good response rate to the first survey. 301 completed questionnaire forms were returned, and estimate that this came from about 230 households (as the survey was open for anyone in the household to respond, so some households would have returned 2 or more responses). This means that about 21% of the population responded to the consultation (and about 36% of all households), providing a good sample size of opinions and evidence case for our plan.

Of the survey responses received, the majority (58%) were from those aged 66 and over, and about a quarter (24%) were from adults aged 76 and over. There were very few returns (just 2.4%) from children and adults aged between 11 and 30, with no responses at all in these age ranges from Langton Herring and Portesham parishes.

We do need to think about how we can get younger people more involved in preparing our Neighbourhood Plan.

On the positive side, nearly half of those responding (43%) had lived in the parish for at least 20 years or more, so many of our respondents have a very good understanding of the area.

It is clear from the evidence gathered that any proposals for more than 20 dwellings in any one village would not be supported.

The findings will now be condensed in preparation for the PC meeting on 3rd Feb and to be made available on the website. KK has offered to look at this, she has also offered to adapt the electoral role to assist with the next survey delivery. **Action KK**

- 6. Final Review of Survey 2 Draft DJT-**
 - a. **Meeting with Magna- additional to the agenda**
PB and DT met with the, Property Director of Magna on 2/12/19
They are the Largest Housing Association in Dorset (4500 Properties)

The demand for housing in villages lower than in towns, mostly due to lack of transport
There are 42 Properties total in Chesil Bank Parishes
Abbotsbury: 16, Fleet: Nil, LH: 3, Portesham: 23
Some sheltered housing in Abbotsbury & Portesham for over 55's
Average Tenancy Length is 6 years which seems to be the norm. Magna sell approximately 12 houses per year for cost effective reasons. The housing list held by Dorset Council for all housing associations

b. Approach to distribution

It is hoped to send the second survey and Newsletter 3 to printers this week but this may be slightly delayed with the comments from the meeting.
The group considered a day to arrange an addressing and envelope stuffing session for possibly 22/01, it was agreed to wait until the surveys are back from the printer then each of the parish reps to arrange delivery in their villages with support from more of the SG members. KK to look at the electoral roll spreadsheet to sort for ease of delivery.
It is hoped to complete distribution by 31/1
Lead distributors:
Abbotsbury: Peter Begley
Fleet: John Coombe
LH: Derek Troughton
Portesham: Stewart Bayram
Aim for survey return by end of February

Action Parish Reps

c. Schedule of printing

Printing to be carried out within next week as soon as final draft is agreed.

Action DT

d. SG Help on addressing & stuffing envelopes

Following the costs in delivering the first survey and using an email list it was agreed to deliver 1 to every household and promote the online survey in the newsletter.
As noted above the group debated the addressing of the envelopes, it was agreed that all envelopes need the V4C sticker and possibly a sticker or stamp of what is in the envelope but most members did not feel the need to address every envelope. This will be decided by the village reps and their helpers prior each parish's delivery methods.

7. Proposal for distribution of Business Survey DJT/PB

For the larger Businesses the approach is to send them the survey then follow up with a face-to-face meeting. DT and PB had already tested the current business survey with some business with feedback.

Businesses to approach are as follows: -

- Spar Shop in Abbotsbury
- Abbotsbury Tourism
- The Abbey House
- Kings Arms/Ducks Farm shop, Portesham
- Character Farm Cottages, Langton Herring
- Ilchester Estate Farm Manager
- East Fleet Farm were also suggested

Small Businesses- The survey will be emailed, no printed copies to be created.

The group had discussions on the business survey some changes were required on the order and the type of questions, DT to send out the next draft with the comments it is hoped to have

responses to these drafts asap in order to meet the project plan timeline but it is necessary to get the survey right. It was agreed not to have a draw for the business survey.

- 8. Newsletter No 3 PB-** PB will circulate the draft once complete. **Action PB**
- 9. Proposal for Young person's Survey (MP)-** The draft survey needs to be it to be updated MP and SS are yet to get together. The school are happy to assist as long as it fits with the curriculum, this is likely to be after April. A focus group is hoped to be set up. The next stage is to get feedback from older children. This is especially difficult as many who live in the villages do not got to the local schools and then there are many different secondary schools in Dorchester, Weymouth and Bridport. This may need to be considered in the next Newsletter/Survey to get feedback from parents/children. MH will contact the leader of the Chesil Scout group with regards to a session with them in the village. **Action MP/SS & MH**
- 10. Community Workshops**
It was suggested that the group could hold workshops, JW suggested this would be a good idea further down the line when all surveys have been completed and residents are invited to look at the options and potential policies.
- 11. Costs to date MH-** Costs to date with budget circulated, concern over the funds left in this financial year, JW to look at the professional costs and check this is in line with support.
- 12. Targets for next month –**
- a. Interview target businesses
 - b. Review Survey #3 on Health etc
 - c. Complete data entry of Survey #2 on SurveyMonkey
 - d. Export key documents to private part of website
 - e. Develop plan to approach younger people
 - f. Presentation to CBPC 3/2/2020
 - g. Locality Funding for 2020/2021
 - h. An area on the website for all current documents only available to members to be set up, currently there is not a facility to amend these docs and upload.
 - i. Photos required for the website, JC to speak to a resident of Fleet, but any good pictures of the Parishes would be good.
 - j. To look at the next round of funding options, JW noted that the current funds would need to be repaid if not used but can be reallocated as long as the group speak to the funders.
 - k. Business Survey ready for distribution (January?)
 - l. Produce Village Household Distribution Lists
- 13. AOB-** JW reported that the Dorset Local plan preferred options consultation should be available by the Autumn.
SG members were asked to respond to the draft documents as soon as practical in order that the meetings are not taken up with amendments, it was felt that the meetings are for discussion as well.
- 14. Date of next meeting-** Monday 24th Feb 2020 7.30pm at PVH.

Meeting closed 9.35 pm