

Minutes of a meeting of the Aldington and Bonnington Neighbourhood Planning Team held at Aldington Village Hall on Monday 6th June 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr L Harman (Chair), Cllr R Boulding, G Bryant, S Garrard, L Guy, N Hulme and J Underwood.

In attendance: Peter Setterfield, Parish Clerk

64. **Apologies for absence:**

There were no apologies for absence.

65. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Team held on 9th May 2022 were agreed as a true record. It was noted that minutes 59 and 60 were to be carried forward to the next meeting.

66. **Review of Community-led Housing Event:**

Feedback from the event:

- Housing density - A 1 hectare (2.5 acre) open market development at 30 dwellings per hectare would generate 12 affordable homes at Ashford Borough Council's current 40% affordable home requirement.
- Why not just build all affordable homes ie on an exception site.
- Older people downsizing may put up the price of smaller houses
- The village is quite linear - are the pub, hall and the recreation ground the village centre?
- Walking from the post office to the pub is approximately 800 meters or 8-10 minutes walk and is a sensible distance for a walkable village.
- There is a potential search area [for exception sites] south west of the main village. There are some key views here too but not all of the 'search area'.
- Aldington Meadows has little scope for development and is quite a way from services.
- The area close to the school could accommodate some local needs housing
- And it is away from heritage sites and the conservation area.
- Calleywell Lane is quite remote from the school and has sensitive views.

It was suggested that the Fire Station should be the centre of the village for calculating the walkable distance.

The Local Needs Housing Survey shows that there is an identified need for 17 smaller properties. There was a consensus to explore the possibility of working together with ACRK and English Rural to see if a scheme could be drawn up.

67. **Draft plan update:**

Work is currently underway to group the views and vistas together to make this section of the plan more coherent

68. **Next steps:**

LH will start to look at drafting the section on Housing Needs.

69. **Date of next meeting:**

Monday 4th July at 7.30pm in Aldington Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

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