

## **Minutes of Border Group Parishes Neighbourhood Plan Meeting**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30 pm**

### **Lingen Village Hall**

#### **Those Present**

##### **Parish Councillors**

Stephen Chilman, Simon Whiteman.

##### **Others present**

Philip Barnett, Chris Gooding (part time), Chris Jack, Robert Nisbet, Mike Oliver, Maureen Robinson, Tony Swainson, Harley Thomas, John Walker, Glyn Williams

#### **The Steering Group**

Philip Barnett, Sally Barnett, Adrian Boylan, Maggie Brown, Stephen Chilman (Chair), Clive Gurney, Chris Jack, John Miles, Ian Morris, Jackie Morris, Phillip Morris, Natalie Morton, Robert Nisbet, Mike Oliver, E. Protheroe, Maureen Robinson, Richard Ruell, Tony Swainson (Secretary), Harley Thomas, John Walker, Simon Whiteman, Glyn Williams, Bruce Williamson, Moira Williamson.

#### **Minutes**

##### **Introduction and Welcome.**

Stephen Chilman (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Chris Gooding of Data Orchard who was offering his consultancy services.

##### **Apologies**

Clive Gurney, John Voysey.

##### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 were accepted.

##### **Appointment of Consultant.**

Chris Gooding of Data Orchard gave an outline of the services they could provide and emphasised that they were flexible and were prepared to provide as much help as we want. Assisting us to “do it ourselves” was a service they were quite happy to provide. He then went on to offer us some advice:

As regards the questionnaire, we could choose issues appropriate to the community. We could submit a draft to them for a critical review. It was emphasised that the data provided by the returned forms must be useful and be capable of analysis.

The distribution and collection method of the questionnaires is considered to be very important. Enough volunteers must be available to distribute and collect by hand as was done by Eardisley where an 83% return rate was achieved.

The Age cut-off was 16+ for Eardisley as they are “the future” some engagement is important.

The inclusion of a form on which future development land could be listed was thought to be a useful addition, although it was realised that some landowners may live outside the parishes.

Chris thinks that it is best to keep the section asking for personal information on the last page as it makes the questionnaire appear less intrusive.

A “ready reckoner” is available to enable consultancy costs to be estimated and this will be sent to The Chairman. As a guide, the design of a questionnaire would cost about £400 and a basic analysis of the returns around £727. A full analysis could be some £1500.

Chris Gooding left the room briefly while a vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that Data Orchard should be appointed. He will send an information pack. Chris Gooding was asked whether a “Neighbourhood Development Order” had been considered in the county and he said he was not aware of any groups pursuing one. The Chairman said it was possible that brownfield sites could account for most of our housing needs. Chris Gooding said that our own housing needs questions could be included in the questionnaire if we thought it was appropriate. A housing needs survey was conducted some time ago and Samantha Banks could be asked whether the survey was likely to be repeated.

### **The Questionnaire.**

The Chairman read out the 41 written responses from the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013 public meeting and a lengthy discussion on the questionnaire followed. It was suggested that questions could be formulated so that values could be assigned to various options, e.g. (crudely) are jobs more important than views? There was also a suggestion that possible large scale developments such as fracking and solar energy farms should be considered. The Chairman will discuss the options with Chris Gooding in the next few days.

It was thought that some funds could be spent after the December for the Referendum etc.

The distribution of questionnaires needs careful planning. Those involved need to meet the residents as the personal touch can do much to elicit a response.

**Next Steering Group Meeting**  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May in Lingen at 7.30**

**The meeting closed at 9.10**