



Steering Group Minutes

**Wool, Bovington and East Burton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
held 26th April 2022, at 7:00pm at The D'Urberville Centre**

Present: Andrew Wilson, Chris Yarnold, Tim Green

Apologies: Steve Smith, Robin Thorn, Rod Webb,

1. Welcome.

2. Attendance and apologies. See above

3. Minutes accuracy and actions. The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as a true record.

4. Declaration of interest from items on this agenda. No declarations were made.

5. Estimate of additional consultant support costs for a more direct consultant role in the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan (Appendix A). Decide whether this is the approach to be taken and decide how to secure funding.

Following the decision taken at the last meeting to approach Lee Searles regarding asking for significantly greater input and assistance to get the NP 'over the line', LS had responded with a costed analysis of what he could provide. This document was circulated prior to this meeting.

Those present voiced their full support for this proposal on the basis of the following points:

- We needed professional help to ensure that the NP went through and it seemed that this would enable us to stick to our timetable.
- It was a far surer way of getting the NP finished, and passed by DC.
- It was a sensible proposal – "they're the experts".
- It was felt to be a "no brainer"!
- Although the cost is high, it should be seen in the context of amounts spent recently (e.g. the rocking horse) and this was a project to benefit the whole community potentially for the next 30 years, making it good value for money.

Although they were not present, Robin Thorn, Rod Webb and Steve Smith had all sent written comments:

- SS: I believe that employing Lee to 'do the rest of the heavy lifting' is the right way forward and we should approach Parish Council for funding
- RT: I am all in favour of enlisting Lee to produce the final document. I am sure he will know the best way to format the document for presentation and ensure it is consistent throughout.
- Rod Webb: I agree with the way forward and request the parish council fund the process.

A proposal was therefore made that this suggestion as the way forward should be taken to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting(s) for discussion and hopefully support and resolution.

Passed unanimously.

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6. AOB and items for next agenda. There were no AOB items, and no suggestions for the next agenda, other than further feedback on streams and hopefully the response of the PC to the proposal.

7. Date, time and location of next meeting. The next meeting will be 7pm on 28th June in the Osgood Room, The D'Urberville Centre