

NOTES OF MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2015

The meeting was held to remind the Steering Group of the main points which the Neighbourhood Plan would need to cover and to go through the results of the village questionnaire.

The Neighbourhood Plan Check List provided by Wiltshire Council was viewed together with a sample of the structure being followed by another Wiltshire Parish, (Pewsey). Following discussion on the list, Sarah Hughes our WC Link Officer, re-assured the meeting that at this stage at least professional consultants would not be required and for the size of Hindon Parish it may be that those services which are needed could probably be provided by WC for such things as Strategic Environmental Assessments or reports. She also told the meeting that a housing target of 30+ houses would probably be realistic within the WC Core Strategy needs.

The questionnaire was answered by 136 residents out of a total adult population of approx. 390. The main results from the Village Questionnaire were:

1A	How many houses should be built	38% for 30+ houses 31% for 20-30 24% for 10-20
1B	Size of houses	85% for 2 and 3 bed houses 44% for 1 bed

84% also agreed that affordable housing should be provided and housing for the elderly

2A	Additional or larger premises should be provided for the following:	
	Larger Village shop	60%
	Larger Surgery	58%
	Larger village Hall	51%
	Larger Primary and pre School	38%
	Off road parking	30%
	Playground for teenage children	19%
	New Burial ground	7%
3A	Support for more local; employment	90%
4	The environment need to be protected	87%
	Prepared to accept some loss	70%
	Reasonable development would bring benefits	62%

The full findings will be presented at the next Village Meeting, but the overall results were felt to be extremely useful with the majority accepting that reasonable development should take place with the inclusion of benefits in the form of larger premises as detailed in 2A above.