**STOGURSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Notes from the second meeting of Stogursey Working Group**

**Monday 4 May 2020 at 7pm**

**(Zoom Meeting)**

**Present:**

Chris Morgan (left early, connection problems)

Gillian Orchard

Bob Crowther

Sue Goss

Jenny Ody

Steve Wardle

Chris Ford,

Penny Harvey (Observer)

**Apologies:**

Cathay Birch, Helga Staddon

1. The clerk briefly outlined the current status – due to the lockdown it is not possible for the District council (Somerset West & Taunton) to designate the area as required as it is not possible to conduct a consultation with members of the public during the lockdown period.
2. The clerk had already forwarded the document from Ann Rhodes (SWT) where she commented on the list of topics, questions and issues which were raised at the initial meeting in February, and made suggestions and recommendations on how they could be used in our neighbourhood plan. The main topics included Environment, Conservation, Parking and transport, Community which could be the areas to consider for policy issues.
3. It was suggested that the Working Group (WG) look at the potential topic areas as outlined in the document and decide what areas members are particularly interested in. Members could then form smaller focus groups and formulate potential questions based on the chosen topic to be used in the questionnaire, which would eventually be circulated as part of the neighbourhood plan issues and report back at the next meeting.
4. Various points were raised, including
   1. Some areas will consider more time and work than others.
   2. There are other subject areas which may also need to be considered; include conservation under Environment, Education, employment, housing, recreation and leisure, commercial & agricultural, youth and elderly, some of which may overlap. Not everything will constitute a policy but more an aspiration.
   3. It is necessary to consider / form a view of what sort of community that we wish to plan for, then other issues can be considered.
   4. This is a community led plan so it is also necessary to ask residents what their aspirations are or what it is they want, and hopefully this can be achieved by a questionnaire.
   5. The real challenge is how to talk to residents and it will be useful if people can mobilise their own networks to gain information (e.g. speak to friends and neighbours on the phone) and see if residents know the neighbourhood plan is actually happening).

5. Attendees agreed to initially concentrate on 4 or 5 topics and to work on the topics they are interested in, form sub groups / focus groups (using own network of contacts), bounce ideas of each other and from there formulate suggested questions based on their topic, which could be used in a questionnaire which will eventually be circulated within the parish asking residents their views. Some of the groups may then be broken down into smaller topics/sub headings to create a questionnaire. Agreements were as follows:

Agricultural & Commercial (Business) Jenny Ody

Environment & Conservation Steve Wardle / Sue Goss

Community Bob Crowther / Chris Ford

6. Other members of the working group that were not present at the meeting, will be invited to join those already ‘committed’ or to inform the parish council if they wish to work on a different topic (e.g. Transport) and form a separate focus group.

7. It was noted that there is a need to nominate personal into key roles to keep the momentum going. It is intended that that will take place when the group are in a position to make an informed decision (e.g. when individuals have had the chance to get to know each other better, know what areas individuals are interested in, and when the group are able to get together, with enough members to make decisions, and all skills audits have been received).

8. Date of next meeting. It was agreed to meet (on Zoom) in two or three weeks’ time. The clerk will contact members of the WG nearer the time to arrange a date (Action: Clerk)

Gillian Orchard

Parish Clerk