

Shaugh Prior Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Lee Moor Public Hall - Back Rooms

Monday 30th June 2025 1930hrs

(Contact sheet circulated)

Apologies received - Julia Sanders, Lesley Nel, Jason Ellmers, Paul Vann

Present - Barrie Spencer (BMS), Cathie Boulting, David Dudytsch, Simon Francis, Tim Thomas, Tim Clewer, Karl and Nicky Freeman, John Moore, Carolyn Hartwell

Welcome - BMS

Approval of minutes - 06/05/25 - approved

Introductions - for the benefit of new attendees

Post Engagement - TC - asked how many people in total came to the Community Consultation Events. BMS responded with a figure of around 30 although he wasn't certain. (Following the meeting BMS was able to confirm a total of 48 across the 6 meetings)

TC went onto explain that it appeared the groups discussions improved as the meetings went on and there was some good conversations. He felt there is an appetite for public meetings concentrating on stand alone subjects like Housing, particularly as the current Housing Plan will soon be out of date.

There was a general discussion around the group around renewable energy, community charging points, confusion with the LGR and private areas of land being protected in the event they should fall into the hands of owners minded to sell it onto developers. Large landowners were also generally discussed.

DD commented about the lack of attendance at meetings and Karl and Nicky Freeman stated they weren't aware of the progression of the NP and felt they should've taken more interest and mentioned confusion with the LGR meeting held in Lee Moor Public Hall. CB mentioned that despite extensive advertising on social media in addition to pieces in the Parish Magazine and invitations to members of the NPSG to assist in spreading the word and door knocking, there remains some apathy. This is not too similar to efforts by PCC LGR meeting held at LMPH which only attracted 11 parishioners compared to 97 attendance at the Sparkwell event. Door knocking was discussed although no offers forthcoming.

TC further discussed the need for stand alone more specific meetings elongating the process to attract more people, with a September start was preferred. It was generally felt the time is right to now bring in some key players ie land owners and businesses within the parish...

Darwell/Maristow/Farms/Pub/Imerys/Quarries/Trading Estate/Friendship engineering/Cobbold/Church/Collards etc

TT felt a poll would be useful - Do we want a NP? - YES/NO

LN (through TC) wanted to mention that actions are not always coming back to the comms group. DD/TC discussed how we advertised meetings and felt we could utilise the events held in the parish to spread the word ie Coffee Mornings/Parish Plod/Bingo evening/quiz nights. SF queried whether as a group the NP is being rushed. DD felt there was a need for the creation of a programme and there was a discussion around timing.

Analysis - not covered

Website - access confirmed

Funding - no funding available from government for 2025/26. Funding avenues discussed ie Newnham/Historic England/Parish Council/MHCLG. It was agreed TT would be the funding lead and the possibility of having a bank account or continue with the PC was raised but without the NPSG not being a constituted body the funding and banking would need to remain with the PC.

Meeting closed at 2115hrs