

ESBG PC NP Steering Committee Topic

Meeting 11/03/26 at the EVH

Present Cllr Paul Debenham

Cllr Mark Stamp

John Dain

Nicholas Steedman

	Matters arising	Action
1.	Terms of Reference need to have PD addition then sent to Jessica Wells	PD
2.	Burghclere PC to be contacted, looking for tips as to how they completed their NP review in 12 months	MS
3.	Need to send ToRs to consultant when chosen for comment	PD
4.	Choice of Consultants. Paul, Mark, John and Nicholas interviewed three consultancies (PlanET, Bluestone Planning, ET Planning) on 10/11 March by Teams interviews. Review at meeting indicated all agreed on first choice (pending fees base information) but all three very credible options. Preference to be taken to next PC meeting on 18th March for discussion and hoped confirmation.	MS
5.	Need to understand fee base for preferred consultancy. Need to draft enquiry asap	PD
6.	Action to circulate Nicholas's scope of works not done but decided to consider alongside draft community consultation proposal from John and share with chosen consultant.	
	New or ongoing matters for consideration	
7.	BDBC Cabinet reported to have approved funding/grant towards NP initiatives. Need to contact Jessica Wells at BDBC Planning Policy for eligibility criteria and what is covered	PD
8.	For reference it would be helpful to know what the original NP costs were. Understood that Sarah as PC Clerk will have this detail.	MS
9.	Re Call for Sites, we need to get definition from Sally Bowser position on 5 dwellings progression	JD
10	Noted that Land Registry of possible land for additional housing already achieved through first NP preparations	
11	Noted a lot of work and prep to take forward and need more Steering Group membership to get involved. We need new members, and find out if initially interested PC members remain so as not attending.	ALL & MS (for PC members follow up)
12	Noted BDBC have now written to confirm expected housing requirement is 5 for Ecchinswell, and 0 for Bishops Green	
13	If fees and PC approval for consultant achieved, then look for soonest meeting to start scoping project, policy review strategy and planning first public awareness/consultation event.	ALL & PD to approach consultant for available dates.