

MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2014.

PRESENT - KATE BAUGH, ANTHONY MORGAN-CLARK, DAVE FLEMMING, TOM MOCKFORD, BILL WADELL , SARA GATES , JACKIE FRASER.

APOLOGIES - DOUG SCOTT, GLENDA WARD-WATTON.

Forest of Dean District Council validated an application from Mitcheldean Parish Council to designate the Parish of Mitcheldean as a Neighbourhood area on the 2nd July 2014. Any representations or objections to the application had to be received no later than 22nd August 2014.

Kate Baugh (GRCC) chaired the meeting and explained the process of delivering a neighbourhood development plan (NDP). Delivery of the NDP is a long term project usually taking up to 2 years to complete resulting in a referendum, which needs 51% of the electorate to vote yes , after which the NDP becomes a legal document that has to be taken into account by the Forest of Dean District Council Planning process. An NDP provides detail of our area allowing stakeholders to have a say in shaping their district, we cannot say no to development , but can influence where new development goes.

FUNDING – Locality Fund has now closed. New funding is expected to be available in April 2015. Mitcheldean Parish Council has donated £ 400 over 2 years .Kate will explore Lottery funding.

Decisions needed before next meeting.

Agree terms of reference. Elect Chairman (Chairman will make sure there is an Agenda for meetings) Vice -Chair , Secretary. (Secretary will take notes and be point of contact for Kate Baugh , will decide with the Chairman where all notes, documents will be kept ie – Town Hall ?) communication strategy – how will we communicate with each other , Parish Council , businesses , whole community , other groups within the community – disabled , youth , elderly .

To discuss – holding events -day-time/evenings . Publicity – budget for marketing , publicity, leaflets etc. Project plan – time lines , when to have consultations etc

Geographical Survey. Character and site assessment needs to be done ASAP. Walking the village and make notes of houses , age etc what type of houses do we want , conservation area , site assessment for potential development land , small commercial units , shops. What industry can be based in Mitcheldean ? consider the infrastructure , broadband issues. Vantage point needs to be part of NDP , communicate with businesses there.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 25th September 2014 Town Hall 7pm.

