

LDP Meeting – HOUSING (4) held on Thurs 17th Feb 2017 @ 13 Court Lane.

Agenda:-

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Accept Minutes/Notes of Meeting 3
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) Appraisal of suggested building sites.
- 5) Agree format and presentation for the AGM.
- 6) AOB
- 7) Date of next meeting.

Notes and discussion points from our meeting.

Attended by:- Bob King, Stephen & Mercedes Henning, John Richardson, Sue Hayter.

- 1) **Apologies:-** Sandie Lewis
- 2) **Minutes/Notes of Meeting 3 :-** Agreed and filed.
- 3) **Matters arising :-** Mercedes advised that she had not yet heard from BT re. the possible development of the Tele. Exchange land, we await a reply/contact.
- 4) **Appraisal of suggested building sites:-** There was a short discussion on our site visits held on Sat 28th Jan. when it was agreed that we should firm up on the main three sites. We have now decided to include additional sites to allow for flexibility. Bob advised that he had spoken to the family of the land at Conduit Head who seemed receptive for inclusion as a possible site. Although our agreed sites currently would accommodate the housing requirement as outlined in the “2014 Housing Needs Survey” we felt that we should mention that there are possible greenfield building sites that would allow for estimated future needs to say 2030.
Our meeting also agreed that there is a premium on housing prices in Edington or any village environment, more affordable housing is available in towns like Westbury or Trowbridge and of course young families need more amenities than Edington has to offer.
- 5) **Agree format and presentation for the AGM:-** The AGM is expected to be April/May but prior to that there will be a full groups meeting with the Parish Council to give interim reports and agree AGM format before 31st March. Our presentation will be split into three sections, Historical (JLR), Housing needs (SH) and Our proposals (SH&MH). We can circulate (e-mail) if necessary for discussion/agreement prior to our next meeting.
- 6) **AOB –** None
- 7) **Next meeting 9th March 2017 @13 Court Lane 7.30pm.**

After meeting observation, extracted from The Telegraph 4/2/17.

800,000 in 1996 were empty homes which has doubled to 1.4 million in 2014 these are second homes, vacant – left empty, awaiting tenants etc. I think that we have some here in Edington. I also understand that the long awaited White Paper on housing is going to force developers to start building once permission has been granted ie. not to stock pile/bank valuable building land and wait for increases in house prices.

Plus more brown field sites to be given priority to develop.