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Bridstow Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

**Bridstow Village Hall: Thursday 05 January 2017**

Present: E Robbins (Chair), G Barrett, R Bushell, E Casstles, J Davis, N La Grue, A Smith, J West, J Wilde, B Bloxsome (Data Orchard)

Apologies: S Machin, G Owen, O Tittley-West, A Wheatley

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Accepted with edit (Item 3: “vote of confidence” to “expression of confidence”).

1. **Matters Arising**

Query on assessment of land at Foxdale: addressed in presentation.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Declarations were made during the meeting if a member of the group contributed to a specific discussion where he/she may have had a conflict of interest (noted below).

1. **Presentation by Bill Bloxsome**

B Bloxsome did a presentation covering settlement boundaries (including other parish’s examples and specifically in relation to Wilton and Bridstow). In relation to possible sites at Wilton, he has contacted the Highways Agency and Herefordshire Council, but is waiting to hear back. There was discussion of assessments of possible sites performed to-date (much as described in Draft NDP V2.0). However, it was noted there had been a misunderstanding of the development proposal now being offered at Foxdale; this was clarified before the meeting between E Casstles and B Bloxsome. Also, recent correspondence from the Duchy has indicated there is a convenant on part of the land adjacent to the primary school.

In discussion of possible sites at Bridstow, E Casstles (owner of Foxdale) and G Barrett (resident at Buckcastle Hill) at spoke and noted their interests.

It was agreed that owners of large sites of potential development should be approached by B Bloxsome to determine whether there was any interest in releasing smaller parcels of land for smaller developments, specifically at Bannutree, Foxdale, Wilton, Tanglewood, and Duchy land. Any other landowners who had potential sites will also be contacted (including a member of public present at meeting with land at Buckcastle Hill). G Thwaites offered to assist B Bloxsome perform an assessment of sites in terms of highways / access issues and a vote was held; all group members were in favour (E Casstles abstained).

**Action:** B Bloxsome to contact land owners. B Bloxsome and G Thwaites to assess highways / access issues of potential sites.

1. **AOB**

G Thwaites noted support and thanks to the Steering Group for all their efforts.

1. **Next meeting**

Thursday 02 February at 8 pm