

CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING WORKING GROUP

REPORT to CVPC FEBRUARY 2021

PWG held its third virtual meeting on 28th January 2021. Cllrs Joyce, Vaughan, Peck, Noon and Mahaddie (chair) attended.

1) AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Housing Needs

Simon Parker (DC Housing Enabling team), has provided the template for DC's usual Housing Needs Survey. We would investigate the scope for modifying this to suit our circumstances in terms of timescale and the boundary to be covered by the survey. There was strong feeling that Upper Marshwood Vale should be involved.

There was general agreement that the DC model would give us a lot of what we wanted, at, we believe, no cost to CVPC, and that even if not perfect, we should 'go for it'.

2) Planning policies and legislation.

The DC Local Plan is now out for consultation. PWG needs to amass and collate the views of **all** Councillors (not just PWG members) in time to present a draft CVPC response to the CVPC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The DC deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> March.

**The views of all interested councillors need to be with PWG by the end of February at the latest.**

3) Procedures for dealing with planning applications.

We agreed that it was good for all Councillors to look at all planning applications on line, as at present; however, where there was no Design and Access statement and the issue was not straightforward, the applicant should be contacted (generally by the lead Councillor) to learn more about the proposal and that information should be passed on to other Councillors before the matter was discussed at the next CVPC meeting or by email if necessary.