

Neighbourhood Plan sub group: Employment, Business, Tourism, IT Communications

Notes of meeting held on 2nd October 2017

Present: Sue Higham and Andy Hohne

Objective

Following the steer we received during the meeting with our consultants on the 23rd September, the objective of this meeting was to draft questions relating to our sub group that could be included within the next round of consultation with the community.

Key discussion points

Our consultants have made it clear that we should have a maximum of 30 questions in total for the next round of consultation, and that these questions should be succinct and where possible “closed”.

We assume that this will result in a total of 3 to 4 questions for the smaller non “Housing & Planning” sub groups.

In order to ensure that we focus the questions on the topics most commonly raised during the first round of consultation, we reviewed the summary of circa 75 responses and counted those that related to our sub group, the results of which are as follows:

Topic	Count
Introduce a shop (general provisions, arts & crafts / local produce / tea shop)	15
Increase small business	14
Improve Comms (broadband / mobile)	7
Increase tourism	6

Our draft questions for the above areas are as follows:

Shop

In the first consultation there was appetite for a shop to be introduced to the village to incorporate a tea shop and be an outlet for selling local arts & crafts and produce.

It is unlikely that such a shop will be commercially viable but could be run by local volunteers.

Given this, how many **hours per week** would you be prepared to volunteer (please circle):

None 1 to 4 5 to 10 11 plus

Business

In the first consultation there was appetite for job creation from an increase in the number of businesses in the village with the hope that this attracts a younger population.

Would you accept a small increase in motor traffic and noise to facilitate this and if so what type of business would you like to see introduced into the village:

I would like to see additional business	Yes / No
Description of type of business

Communications

Since the first consultation, broadband and mobile communications seem to have improved, with for example many areas of the village now getting 4G. Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan cannot influence suppliers' strategies, it would be useful to accumulate "real world" details of coverage.

Please provide details as follows:

Address			
	Mobile		Broadband	
Quality of service (please circle)	3G	4G	Good	Bad

Tourism

In the first consultation there was appetite to encourage more tourism. Would you be willing to support this by:

Allowing more campsites (please circle)	Yes / No
Facilitating / organising guided tours (please circle)	Yes / No
Other (please describe)

Next steps

The above questions are initial drafts and will be sent to the Steering Group for discussion. Clearly the questions from all the groups need to be written in a similar format.