

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

Notes of meeting held on 5th March 2018

Present: Sue Higham and Andy Hohne

Objective

To review the results of the Stage 2 survey and draft our section's introduction and policies.

Key discussion points

A small majority (54%) voted that they wanted a shop. We discussed in detail whether such a small majority should warrant a policy to open a shop, given this would require getting over the hurdle of finding a location and putting together a team of volunteers.

On balance it was decided that it doesn't matter how small a majority vote was, a majority should result in a policy. However, we agreed to raise this at the next Steering Group meeting to ensure we are being consistent with other sub groups.

As well as the shop, the other "in favour" majority votes were:

- Business – for more office space / businesses within homes, and
- Tourism – to encourage community led guided tours.

A clear majority were satisfied with their mobile phone reception and speed / reliability of internet therefore no further action is required in this area.

Our "Introduction" section was drafted, as well as the policy section for the shop (using the template previously distributed).

Next steps

- Raise at the next SG meeting whether even a small positive majority should result in a policy.
- SH to complete the policies for home working and community led tours.
- Once completed, AH to send to the consultants for their review.