

It has been a busy month for the Neighbourhood Plan. We attended the old Pontins site meeting with the PC and were pleased that Graham Avery and Parker Planners took on board all our comments and as a result have decided to consult with the village before going to planning.

We are pleased that they are not only consulting online but have sent the leaflet attachment for the PC to distribute to the village, though I personally would like to see them also meet printing needs and costs.

The GVD Land proposals for Newport came as a shock to the NP group, we are now aware GVD Land have been consulting with GYBC since at least 2019. As a group, those of us (majority) who have commented on this are totally against this proposal backed by relevant policy. This needs to go to the village ASAP. The company have said they can only consult online, we do not agree with this as many members of our community do not or cannot get online. During the ongoing Icarus survey the NP group have helped get this to the village through various methods adhering to covid rules so would expect developers/promoters to use their best endeavours to do the same.

We had our first meeting with consultants CCP to discuss the 1st draft of the evidence base they have produced. This went well but unfortunately was disrupted by a power cut in the village so not all members were able to join the meeting. (Again highlighting consultation needs and how issues with power supply and broadband can be interrupted in the village). Updated TOR has been sent to the PC and all details of members are held by the PC.

We are now, as advised by CCP, working towards producing our own NP survey for the village due to go out in September. This has raised some issues regarding using and spending our grant money. We did not realise that PC rules would prevent us from directly accessing the Locality grant money so we are in contact with PC clerks to try to work with this. The main issue we need to bring to the PC is that we will require to use our funds in August and the PC do not meet in August and only do payments when there are meetings, this will prevent the NP group from completing the survey. We would like to request an exception is made to this to enable payments to be made in August.

Pc chair Keith has also personally offered to help the group with these financial issues which is appreciated. As a group we also decided to donate money each to enable us to make small purchases which we will get proper receipts for, to claim back from the grant money.

We are still working on the Icarus survey and are in constant contact with Karen Saunders from Icarus. Some of our members are providing paper copies at the Post office and other members also hand delivering paper copies of the survey with an offer to post the survey for residents also, if needed. Our group has provided some flyers to Belle aire camp for their permanent residents This process has been complicated as it seems the locally organised paid for flyer delivery has not reached all addresses.

We would again like to highlight the need for all groups, businesses and individuals to work together on the Neighbourhood Plan. Any views and opinions are welcomed and encouraged and we are open to new members if they feel they can have a positive input or have any constructive criticism.

Thanks  
Tracy and NP group.

