

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN EAST HUNTSPELL

Just a few comments the Parish Council would like to make regarding the Affordable Housing Project in East Huntspill.

1. After having a Housing Needs Survey sent out in 2016, the results were received in December 2016 showed that there was indeed a need for Affordable Housing in East Huntspill.
2. **The New Road site is not a done deal.**
Sedgemoor District Council Affordable Housing Development Team were asked by the Parish Council to focus their initial investigations on the New Road Site. This site was chosen in a discussion with parish councillors before a parish council meeting in the church hall with no more information than a map with sites that were available for building affordable houses on. The parish council then gave their preference for sites. The criteria the Parish Council decided to use was:
 - (a) Best site for access
 - (b) Best site for the school
 - (c) Best site for the playing fields
 - (d) this was a quieter road.
 - (e) Large amount of land off the main road that goes through the new houses already on the main road

This choice of the best site was then minuted at the parish council meeting and was then forwarded to Sedgemoor District Council Affordable Housing Development Team.

3. East Huntspill Parish Council were awarded the £30k from the DCLG's Community Housing Fund. Members (as minuted) agreed to commit these funds towards the completion of a detailed feasibility appraisal. The parish council use of these funds is entirely consistent with the DCLG's purpose.
4. The parish council ran the consultation event to tell people about the work to date and to gauge local reaction and capture local view and opinion. Parish council members have only recently had the feedback from this session.
5. The Parish Council is awaiting the completion of the detailed technical feasibility reports on New Road (funded by CHF grant)
6. Once the feasibility report has been received the council will have to have time to digest this recent consultation feedback and discuss at a parish council meeting.
7. The parish council will certainly encourage any interested parties in holding their own events and would look forward to receiving feedback from them so that they can also be given consideration.
8. At this point the Parish Council may commit to a firm course of action.

nothing has been decided there are currently no applications on the table just potential opportunities.

Please find attached my understanding of the timeline – first draft.