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NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Purpose of the NDP AHWG is to gather data, evidence and information required to inform the NDP Housing Statement.

Since the last NDP Steering Group Meeting on 27 February:

- **Meeting 14 March AHWG** -note circulated and actions all completed.
- **Online Webinar 15 March - “Tackling the Housing Crisis the Local Way with Custom and Self-Build Homes”** online with Cllr Hann and Vou Boyd.
- **Meeting 22 March with Affordable Housing Team Neighbourhood Planning Team online.**
 - The affordable housing officers have access to data/reports provided by estate agents such as Rightmove and can provide supplemental information upon request.
 - The Homechoice Policy is under review and will go out to consultation this year. The main suggested changes are to the local connection and banding criteria. Any outcomes from this are 6-9 months off. More detailed data from the Homechoice Register may be available upon request.
 - The “Help to Buy SW” Register will shortly become defunct. - A new website, “Share to Buy” is being used by affordable housing providers to advertise available properties. This website advertises itself as the “UK’s leading first-time buyer property portal, specialising in affordable home ownership options including Shared Ownership and Help to Buy.” www.sharetobuy.com
 - The affordable housing team can access the Self-Build Register and do some work with the Steering Group to look at what might be possible in Sennen Parish in terms of possible provision of affordable self-build plots.
 - The more information that can be sought from local services and facilities regarding the impact of more housing / no more housing the better (RNLI, School, community outreach services, businesses etc.).

Once collated, this can be looked at by the affordable housing officer and neighbourhood plan officer alongside housing needs data and fed into the larger Neighbourhood Development Plan research.

- **Full Parish Council Meeting 12 April** – resolved to spend £350 of the Parish Council NDP budget on a Housing Needs Survey (this allows for £49.50 for printing).

Following this meeting KS has informed the Affordable Housing / Neighbourhood Planning teams that the AH Working Group wishes to proceed with the formal Housing Needs Survey asap.

- Cllrs Hann, Rowe and Shannon attended a CALC event, **“Community Housing Conversations” at Heartlands on 19 April**. A number of speakers were present, including Coastline, Ocean Housing, Cllr. Olly Monk, CALC, CCLT.

Next Steps re Questionnaire:

- Prepare feedback comments on questionnaire ready for meeting with the Affordable Housing team.
- Arrange a meeting with CC AH Officer and NP Officer to finalise questionnaires and begin public consultation.
- Design and print media for publicising the consultation to capture those that have an established local connection but don't live in the village (and won't get a letter).
- Print letters for distribution at drop off points.
- Agree dates and locations for providing a laptop for completion of questionnaires by people who do not have online access and wish to do so and/or require assistance.
(Farmer's Market, School Reception, Souper Wednesday, Karate Club etc.)
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Other Group Next Steps:

1. Analyse community questionnaire
2. Agree TOR for the Working Group, possibly renaming it to HOUSING WORKING GROUP