Minutes of NDP Housing Group meeting
Monday 24th February 7.00pm @ Village Hall

Present:
Jonathan Pope, Trevor Arkle, Ben Berridge, David Bacon, Paul Starling, Gary Kirk (Locale)

Apologies:
Gill Wells

2. Declaration of Interests:
Ben Berridge and David Bacon, both declared themselves as Landowners.

3. Meeting overview

Gary opened the meeting giving a brief overview of the aims of the group and then asked for nominations for a chairman and a minute taker for the meetings.

Jonathan agreed to be Chairman and Paul agreed to take the minutes.

4. Review of Theme Group issues

A brief overview was given by Gary of the groups issues which included Design, Housing Types, Affordable Housing. Windfall Development and Residential allocations.

5. Site allocation progress

Letters to residents go out on the 1st March and asks for any replies by 22nd March. Landowners then have 3 weeks to request and send in any expressions of interest by the 12th of April.

Gary confirmed that he was still unable to get from West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) a housing requirement figure for the Parish, even though it is a statutory requirement. Other Parishes have the same issue with WNC.

6. Village confines

Gary shared the draft Village Confines document prepared by WNC, and asked the meeting whether we thought that boundaries were correct or if we wanted to move them. It was agreed that they would stay as per the draft. Gary advised that we would be able to revisit this at a later date.

7. Housing Mix

After reviewing Gary's document it was unanimously agreed that the housing mix statement should be:

New housing development proposals should provide a mixture of housing types specifically to meet identified and evidenced local needs. Priority should be given to smaller family homes (3 bedrooms or fewer) and those suitable for older people (especially those who wish to downsize). The inclusion of four-bedroom houses in housing developments will be supported only where there is a proven housing need.

Next meeting:

14th April 2025 7.00pm at Village Hall