Neighbourhood planning update

To the 16th October 2026 parish council meeting.

A short resumé of where we are:

I communicated with Hatch Beauchamp and Puriton councils for a reference for Stuart. Both agreed that he was knowledgeable and helpful and that they would not have managed the plan as well without him. Both also mentioned that, in retrospect, certain tasks could have been done by the team had they known what was involved and hence they could have reduced the cost. Both groups recommended him as a useful resource.

Sue from Hatch Beauchamp offered to go through their action plan and documents with me. I have arranged to go there on Tuesday, 20th Oct at 09:00 and would be happy to bring one other with me if anyone is available. Any volunteers?

I have set up the NP working group. We are: Damian, Bob, Richard, Charlie Cullin, Charlie Bowles, Sandra Gristock and Lois Preece (who came to a meeting once and may still be interested in joining). I have arranged a kick-off meeting on Thursday 22nd at 19:00 in the Oak. I have also sent the team an info pack to let them know what collateral we have and what the task is. I hope it doesn't frighten them off.

It would be good if council could decide what to do with Stuart and how to engage him, if that is what we decide to do. My suggestion is a short teams meeting with the team and him, where he can lead us through his proposal. We can then decide what we take in-house and what we should budget for him to do. We need to get back to him in late Oct to discuss availability.

Regards,

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