TIMSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19th MAY 2026

ITEM	NOTE	ACTION
PRESENT	Paul Carroll, Amanda Constantinidi, Antony Constantinidi, Jacqui Grainger, Deborah Griffin, Jon Griffin, Jayne Langley, Alice Naish, Dave Watson, Sue Walker The group welcomed Helen Brunskill	
APOLOGIES	Emma Adams, Kathryn Ford, Dan Mogg, Shaun Stephenson-McGall, Dave Smith,	
UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (21/04/26)	Deborah updated the group on developments since the previous meeting, including progress with the Draft Local Plan as well as the steer emerging within the proposed NPPF on the importance of Design (in its widest sense). As part of the progress report to TPC, the Local Plan Working Group invited suggestions on how to inform residents of the draft Local Plan and impact on Timsbury. This will be considered at the next Steering Group meeting.	DG
PROGRESS AGAINST PROJECT PLAN	The project is in stage 2 – gathering evidence and engaging the community. Timelines have been developed for the project plan but these need to be re-adjusted once the impact of the Draft LP is clearer.	DG
NEXT STEPS (stage 2 of project plan)	(i) Review and collation of existing data **Natural environment and green spaces working group** The initial findings from the analysis of evidence relating to Landscape and Environment was shared and discussed with the group. The approach and initial indications are a very useful way of visually building up a picture of the village. The Working Group will continue with its analysis and present to a future meeting. Where anomalies in the data are identified, advice will be sought from BANES on how this should be handled. The possibility of providing larger maps of Timsbury to build and map the character of the village will be requested from BANES. Resource would also be helpful to assist with the mapping. If maps not available, other options will be considered. Potential contributors to creating a vision for the village were identified during the discussion. These will be incorporated into the community engagement work.	Working Group DG DG/DM

	Built environment and heritage working group A similar approach to mapping heritage and built assets to understand the 'as is' will be taken by this group. The new Somer Valley Design Code will also be reviewed by the group. As above, this work will provide a platform for wider consultation with the community. **Housing (future need)** Feedback from Radstock NP project identified the value and limits to a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA), as well as the resources required. The level of detail provided in the draft LP will be raised with George Blanchard to understand whether this will be sufficient for this project. Existing evidence may also have useful insight eg curo application, housing needs survey carried out as part of LP consultation.	PC DG
	(ii) Develop an approach to community engagement The group considered the various updated logos suggested as a visual identity for the NP project. Further work will be done, building on the AI graphics and taking account of the discussion on the evidence emerging from the Working Groups. Dan and Deborah will meet to work up a costed approach to engagement (taking account of previous discussion) and develop a draft survey.	JG DM/DG
NEXT STEPS	Key dates: 20 May - BANES Climate Emergency etc Panel to consider headline Draft LP/implications of NPPF on climate and nature policies 1 June – TPC meeting 3 June – meeting with George Blanchard 11 June – deadline for July Newsletter. PC to draft an item.	PC
AOB	None	
DATE OF FUTURE MEETING	Next meeting is Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30pm, Myra Hayward room, Conygre Hall.	All
GOOD IDEAS WITHOUT A HOME YET	Consider sponsorship for the NP	