NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING WORKING GROUP – REPORT FROM Cllr Mollie Groom 19 April 2012

We had a positive meeting last night, Peter Willis resigned and Steve Bucknell was unanimously elected as the new Chairman, and Ray Thomas from Purton is the new Vice Chairman.

It was requested that all parish councils agree the new Terms of Reference of the Steering Group, in addition to their confirmation approving actual participation; and that Neighbourhood Planning should be a standing item on pc agendas whilst process is in being.

WC was instructed to advise Common Places that they have the contract and a WG was formed, led by Ray Thomas, to meet the contractors within the next 2 weeks to find out what they propose as the first steps. The Working Group is composed of:

Ray Thomas of Purton Parish Council, Chairman John Harmer of Cricklade Town Council, Ann Kingdom of Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council Mollie Groom, Unitary Councillor.

- Steve Bucknell firmly requested WC (Alistair) to arrange Admin Support for the SG from WC
- Ann Kingdom (Lyneham) is going to work with Anna Lee (WC) to produce simple Standing Orders for the SG
- Steve pressed Alistair (WC) to circulate a copy of the Core Strategy, including any agreed comments from the now concluded consultation, to all SG members.

It was agreed that Steve would work up a Press Release to go out through the WBTC and be copied to all TC/PCs to publish in their Parish Newsletters/Magazines.

A second WG to deal with Budget and Fund Raising was agreed but will be set up at the next **meeting** expected to be held in the:

Silver Threads Hall, Purton, at 18:30 on the 22nd of May 2012.

Cllr Mollie Groom