

## **Future Housing Needs – Village Survey Results September PC. Sept 1<sup>st</sup> D.Bohm**

### **Notes**

- Attached is the final copy of the Future Housing survey. The turnout was 45% which is considered high. There has been some identified need in the village for both affordable and shared ownership housing. Community First will attempt to contact those who ticked the box and agreed to be contacted re: next steps. Advice to the PC was to act quickly to encourage those with need to get on the Housing Register. It is touch and go as to whether the verification can be done in time for the Southfield eight houses that will be released to a Registered Provider. More on that when we get the name of the provider.
- Both Community First and Frances Evans of CDC have recommended we have an Open Evening where some of the options could be explained and questions answered. If the Registered Provider (RP) can be in attendance, excellent.
- The RP will then circulate leaflets around the village with information.

**Request: We will need some funds to pay for the rental of the village hall**

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Below is the notice put on the WOTG Village website and the WOTG Parish Council website. One family has been in touch wanting one of the shared housing homes. Hopefully these houses will be used for current villagers and those with affiliation to the village.

### **URGENT ACTION REQUIRED**

Villagers who stated they would welcome some affordable housing in the village and who would like to apply to live in one – it is urgent that you register with the Housing Authority NOW. Seven affordable houses will be available at the new Southfield development in the autumn. If you are not on the register, you will not be considered. If you apply NOW there is a chance the application and verification process would be completed.

A Housing Register application can be made at: [housingregister@cherwell-dc-gov.uk](mailto:housingregister@cherwell-dc-gov.uk)/ 01295 227004).

In addition, applicants for shared ownership or discounted market sale housing would have to be registered with a Help to Buy Agent (visit: <https://www.helptobuyagent3.org.uk/>) and eligible under the Help to Buy criteria.

Act now for consideration of housing that will meet your needs.