

# **Dent with Cowgill Parish Council Sub-Committee Authority Request**

**Committee**                      **Planning Committee**

**Date**                              **15 March 2021**

## **Purpose of the Report**

To seek the approval of the council to commence work on a Community Housing Scheme.

## **Recommendation**

To recommend to full council that a “task and finish” group is set up to investigate the possibility of starting a Community Land Trust.

## **Context**

There are two allocated housing sites in Dent which have been undeveloped for a number of years.

We know that a number of young people have recently moved out of the dale due to the lack of affordable housing here and this means that potential children for our primary school have also left.

## **Alignment to Dent Parish Council Objectives**

This recommendation aligns with the following objectives:

Improve the Health and Wellbeing and Environment of the Dale

Support our school and pre-school

## **Background**

Despite being allocated as housing sites, one is privately owned and the other is owned by Bradford Diocese. It has proved difficult to obtain permission from the diocese, complicated by the transfer to Carlisle Diocese, to build on this site.

The second site is currently for sale and this seems like the best opportunity to increase the number of affordable/social housing in the dale.

## **Financial Implications**

None at present. Funding is available from SLDC for the set up of Community Land Trusts and it is envisaged that an application would be made to this fund in due course.

## **Conclusion**

The Planning Committee agreed that this would be a positive move for the community and recommends that the council supports the set up of a “task and finish” group.

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