



# Mark Community Land Trust

## April 2017 Newsletter

On 22nd March 2017, a new Board of Directors was installed to lead Mark Community Land Trust Ltd (MCLT). We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, we are;

Mark Johnson -Chair and Director  
Angela Purvis -Vice Chair and Director  
Angela Cullimore -Secretary and Director  
Alison Human -Treasurer and Director  
Amanda Bradley -Director  
Harriet McKenzie -Director

The new board is committed to seeking potential affordable housing sites for the village and to exploring the opportunity for the delivery of other community projects such as a community allotment for example. We are clear this will only be possible with the agreement of the membership and wider community and with the required mandate. We can be contacted on [markcommunitylandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:markcommunitylandtrust@gmail.com) and would be happy to hear any genuine ideas you may have on this subject, particularly in relation to any suitable land that you may know of in the village.

**At a recent board meeting all directors declared their opposition to the Northwick Rd site due to road safety concerns around the planned access and egress to and from the site and due to flooding concerns.**

In addition;

- The Northwick Rd site is a rural exception site due to it being outside the village boundary and the board believe it was brought forward as the result of a flawed and undemocratic process.
- A key element for Sedgemoor District Council's approach to development of sites that are outside the village boundary is that the local community will be involved in their development rather than having the development imposed on them against their will.
- The board believe that the previous Board 'withdrew' from the project in the knowledge that SW Housing would continue with their plans for the Northwick Rd site. SW Housing have recently submitted a Planning application for Affordable Housing on the same site. We have asked both Sedgemoor District Council and SW Housing to work with us to resolve the current contentions and find a better solution for the village.