

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Group Meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks

Present: Paul King (Chairman) Peter Gibbons
David Cumberland Bill Hatton
Stephen Ecroyd (for items 1-5) Judith Foot
Geoff Copley

Assistant: Tracy Bates

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Penny Wadsworth. It was also noted that Ian Weir had resigned from the committee.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2013.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair of the meeting as a correct record.
4. **Resolved that items 5, 6 & 7 should be treated as confidential and any members of the public invited to withdraw.** There were no members of the public present. It was agreed to reverse the order of the agenda.
5. **To consider the Sustainability Appraisal, and conduct a SWOT analysis (Judith Foot).**

The aim of the Scoping Report is to set out the background on the parish, the challenges it faces and possible constraints. of the parish. Advice from MSDC is now that we should initially prepare and consult (for 5 weeks) on the Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal, ahead of consultation on our Neighbourhood Plan. Following this, the main Sustainability Appraisal report itself should accompany the plan we are consulting on, so that they are both consulted on together. In a few cases, the Sustainability Appraisal has followed shortly after the consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan, this isn't ideal as it means extending the length of time for consultation. The Scoping Report and the Sustainability Appraisal could be considered together. It was understood that there had been changes in the order of the process and currently the Scoping Report needs to be completed and given to stakeholders prior to the Neighbourhood Plan. The report can be amended according to the responses from Stakeholders; responses byconsultation on the Scoping Report can be with the relevant bodies only, which wouldcan be included reflected in the Sustainability Appraisal.

It was agreed AGREED that the draft Scoping Report would be worked on further and reviewed again at the next meeting and following this both the draft Scoping Report and Sustainability Appraisal should would be discussed with the relevant person at MSDC for their feedback and advice prior to formal consultation.

A SWOT analysis was carried out (attached) and it was AGREED that Steven Eckroyd would draw up a list of the key issues from this for circulation amongst committee members for their comments in order to produce a final list ready for distribution prior to the next meeting. All comments to be returned to Steven by 4 November 2013.

The Further sections of the Scoping Report to be completed by 4 November 2013 were:

Ancient Woodland. To be submitted by Judith Foot

Schools To be submitted by Paul King

Roads and Transport (inc Public Transport & Parking) Hassocks To be submitted by Geoff Copley

Tenative Neighbourhood Plan Time Line To be submitted by Judith Foot/Paul King

Appendix A To be submitted by Judith Foot

It was RESOLVED that once completed, draft copies of the Scoping Report and Sustainability Appraisal would be sent to MSDC for comments and a meeting arranged to discuss these. A key objective from the meeting would be to gain a clear understanding of the tasks in order to know what to expect from a consultant. The meeting to be arranged soon after 14 November during the day.

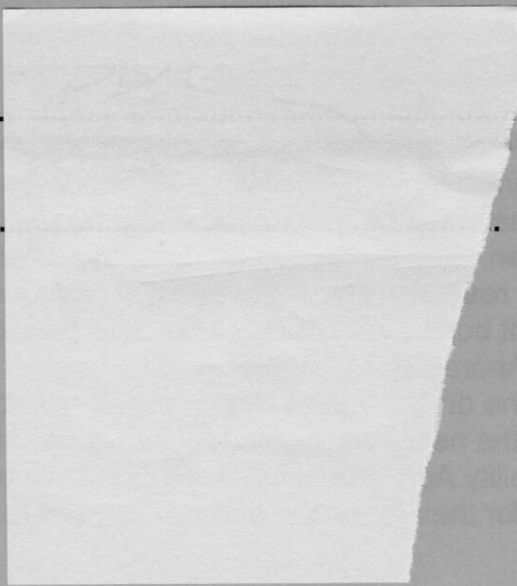
6. **To consider responses from consultants.** It was RESOLVED that the following consultants would be asked to an interview sometime after the meeting with MSDC (ideally first Thursday in December) - Dowsettmayhew Planning Partnership, Adams Integra and Tony Fullwood.
7. **To consider the revised Draft Plan.** Steven Eckroyd had requested that this was completed in order for him to proof read and check for style consistency.
Traffic and Parking Policy, Public Transport and Highways Policy. These are to be refined and combined as one section.
Business Development and Tourism. This would be produced as a draft.
Community Facilities. This would be refined.

8. **Date of Next Meeting. 14 November 2013 at 7.30pm..**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....



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SWOT ANALYSIS FOR HASSOCKS

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<p>Vibrant Community. SDNP. Attractive Setting. Strong Identity. Safe community environment. Adastra Park and Hall. Post Office. Churches. Range of Pubs and Social Clubs. Large range of shops. Health Centre. Station. Library. Quality Schools. A range of recreational and leisure facilities.</p>	<p>No Youth Club. Poor bus services Unattractive Village Centre. Parking. Air Quality Management. Lack of affordable housing. Water shortages. Lack of footpath/cycleway linkage to Burgess Hill. School capacity. Lack of a Traders Association.</p>
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<p>Redevelopment of the Village centre. Prevention of coalescence through the Neighbourhood Plan. Tourism and SDNP. Improve youth facilities (25 and under). Improve parking and pedestrian safety. Encouraging links between businesses. Improve East/West public transport links. Improve footpath links. Quiet lanes.</p>	<p>No approved District Plan. Coalescence. Loss of biodiversity. Overdevelopment leading to loss of rural character. Flooding. External development e.g. proposed Mayfield Town. Traffic congestion. Cuts by WSCC e.g. library</p>