

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 18 April 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Paul King (Chairman)
Ian Weir
Judith Foot
Peter Gibbons
Bill Hatton
Penny Wadsworth (for items 1-6)

In attendance: Geoff Copley

Clerk: Linda Baker

1. **Apologies for Absence.** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2013.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. **Resolved that item 5 should be treated as confidential and the public be invited to withdraw.** There were no members of the public present.
5. **Update on Work Streams.**
 - a) **Policies for Residential Development.** Bill Hatton had circulated a draft, based on the scale of housing identified as necessary in the MSDC Local Housing Assessment. The draft was supported in principle, and it was agreed that the constraints on development because of the lack of infrastructure to support existing demands should be emphasised. It was also agreed that the Station Goods yard should be included in the list of possible housing sites.
 - b) **Leisure & Recreation.** This had been covered at the previous meeting
 - c) **Environment /Nature.** Ian Weir had not yet produced a draft.
 - d) **Traffic & Parking.** The Parking Working Group were analysing the results of the parking survey and would be submitting recommendations to the Environment Committee and then to council. The initial results would be available for the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting.
 - e) **Countryside, Green Spaces & Landscape Appraisal.** Judith Foot had circulated a draft. This would be useful for developing

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- policies for inclusion in the draft Neighbourhood plan. It was agreed that footpaths should be included.
- f) **Public Transport.** This had been covered at the previous meeting.
 - g) **Community Facilities.** Judith Foot had circulated a draft, which was supported.
 - h) **Hassocks Village Centre.** Judith Foot and Penny Wadsworth had circulated a draft, which was supported. Any redevelopment of the village centre would have to be developer lead, but HPC could include aspirations for the facilities which might be incorporated in any re-development .
 - i) **Business Development & Tourism.** There would not be proposals for any major business development in the village, as this was unrealistic, but general policies to encourage local employment and business development, and maintenance of local shops, based on MSDC policies, would be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - j) **Highways.** Geoff Copley was obtaining data from WSCC, and would use the forecasts in the MSDC transport study to produce a draft.
6. **Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Neighbourhood Plan, Consultation Draft & Sustainability Appraisal.** It was RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND to council that it supports the recommendations in the Hurst Neighbourhood Plan. Peter Gibbons would respond on the question of increased use of the Community Bus, as the bus was operating at capacity.
7. **Mid Sussex District Council Infrastructure Schedules.** There were no specific comments as most of the actions were down to MSDC or WSCC.
8. **Date of Next Meeting.** 16 May 2013 at 7.30 pm. It was agreed that at the next meeting the committee would look at highway issues, infrastructure, and consider how the background papers could be incorporated into a first draft Neighbourhood Plan which could be circulated for informal consultation.

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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Chairman..... Date.....