

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 21 March 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Ian Weir (Chairman)
Judith Foot
Peter Gibbons
Bill Hatton
Penny Wadsworth (for items 5-6 (c))

In attendance: Geoff Copley

Clerk: Linda Baker

1. **Apologies for Absence.** An apology for absence was received from Paul King, who had family commitments. Ian Weir was appointed to chair the meeting.
2. **Welcome to Geoff Copley.** Geoff Copley was welcomed to the meeting. He had been co-opted to the Working Group because of his expertise as a transport planning consultant (now retired).
3. **Declarations of Interest.** Judith Foot declared an interest in land to the west of London Road, A273 as she lived adjoining the site.
4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 February 2013.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, with the deletion of "east" in paragraph 2, and the insertion of "west", and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. **Resolved that items 6 and 7 should be treated as confidential and the public be invited to withdraw.** There were no members of the public present.
6. **Update on Work Streams.**
 - a) **Policies for Residential Development.** Bill Hatton reported that he had been doing further background research for this section, including looking at the MSDC Draft District Plan which had now been approved for consultation. He would bring forward proposals for further consideration at the next meeting.
 - b) **Leisure & Recreation.** Bill Hatton had produced a draft which was considered at the meeting, based on PPG17 requirements. Some corrections to the figures in Table 1 were suggested. Members were asked to let Bill Hatton have any further comments on the draft. It was suggested that cycle routes should be included, although these could also be covered in the transport section. It was agreed that further consideration

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| needed to be given to the possible use of the land to the north of Clayton Mills for informal or formal recreation purposes. | |
| c) Environment /Nature. This had not yet been drafted. | IW |
| d) Traffic&Parking. The residents parking survey had produced a good response and the results were being analysed. This work would feed into the Neighbourhood Plan. | IW |
| e) Countryside, Green Spaces & Landscape Appraisal. Judith Foot had circulated a draft Landscape Setting & Analysis. This would serve as background information, and elements could be built into the Neighbourhood Plan. Judith Foot would prepare a list of green spaces together with an assessment of their value. | JF |
| f) Public Transport. Peter Gibbons had prepared a comprehensive report on rail and bus transport. It was agreed that the increasing problem of crowding on the London-Brighton rail line should be included, and it was also agreed that some consideration should be given to including the need for subsidised bus routes, particularly east-west, through neighbouring villages. | PG |
| g) Community Facilities. This was deferred to the next meeting. | JF |
| h) Hassocks Village Centre. This was deferred to the next meeting. | JF/PW |
| i) Business Development & Tourism. This was deferred to the next meeting. | PK |
| j) Highways. Geoff Copley would contact Colin Wilsdon regarding obtaining some traffic flow statistics from WSCC. | GC |
| 7. Hassocks Amenity Association. The HAA had contacted Ian Weir, indicating that they had a member with environmental expertise who was willing to work with the NP Working Group. It was agreed that a response would be sent thanking the HAA for their offer of assistance and indicating that the Working Group would welcome some input from their environmental expert once the Neighbourhood Plan had been developed to a more advance stage. | C |
| 8. Date of Next Meeting. 18 April 2013 at 7.30 pm. The draft Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Neighbourhood Plan would be included on the agenda, and members of the Planning Committee would be invited to attend for this item, so that the group could consider if they wished to make any comments on the Plan. The Working Group did not want to take a stall at the Downlands Summer Fayre on 22 June 2013. | |

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

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