

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting held on 24 July 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Paul King (Chairman) Peter Gibbons
Steven Ecroyd Geoff Copley
Judith Foot Ian Credland
Penny Wadsworth (for items 1-5 and 7)
Georgia Cheshire

Clerk: Linda Baker.

Also present was Dale Mayhew, Director, Dowsett Mayhew.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from David Cumberland and Bill Hatton.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 July 2014.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. **Questionnaire Results : Update.** 162 responses had been analysed so far, and Geoff Copley had circulated the results in graph form. Responses had also been received from developers, and these would be looked at in detail.
Dale Mayhew recommended making a note of the group's response to comments, either to specific responses, or grouping responses, and he advised that there was a need to look at the merits of the arguments put forward, rather than to give weight to a particular view based on the number of responses.
It was agreed that data on the outcome of the questionnaire would be available for the 19 and 20 September 2014 open days.
It was agreed that the graphs on the results to date, and details of the open days and contact details, would be printed to have available at the Village Market on 26 July 2014, together with copies of the questionnaire. Geoff Copley, Steven Ecroyd, Judith Foot, Paul King and Penny Wadsworth would man the stand at the market.
5. **Housing Needs Assessment : Update.** Draft papers on future housing needs in Hassocks, and a review of the 2001 and 2011 census information, had been circulated by Geoff Copley. These showed that house sizes in Hassocks were increasing, while the national trend for house size was decreasing. This could be an anomaly due to the 2007 recession.

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It was agreed that Dale Mayhew would review the Assessment to check for technical accuracy and to assess how robust the conclusions were. Dale Mayhew would also check if any journey to work data was available.

The question of how best to present the information for the open days would be considered at the next meeting

6. Arrangements for Open Days 19 and 20 September 2014 : Update.

The Aadastra Hall Green Room had been booked for 19 and 20 September 2014 for the public open days. Judith Foot would confirm the time of each session.

The room was relatively small, so there would not be space to have forums or break out groups. Topic areas would be detailed around the walls and the public would be asked for their comments.

Maps of possible sites would be required, and Judith Foot would arrange these. MSDC had helped Hurstpierpoint PC with maps and the Clerk would find out the MSDC contact.

Draft presentations on a number of topics had been circulated by Geoff Copley. These would be copied to Dale Mayhew.

It was agreed that the information should be kept fairly simple, perhaps grouped into trends, what the Neighbourhood Plan can achieve, and a list of issues, with open questions to get public feedback.

Members would email ideas and comments on the topic areas to Geoff Copley, who would circulate revised presentations to the group and Dale Mayhew.

Publicity would be required for the event; posters, Sussex Living, Talk About, possible house to house delivery by the Scouts.

Paul King would draft an entry for the September 2014 Talk About publicising the open days, and forward this to Penny Wadsworth.

The Community Right to Purchase should be included in the NP, with ideas for possible community assets in Hassocks.

Dale Mayhew was meeting the Neighbourhood Plan planning officer at MSDC at 2.00 pm on 4 August 2014, and any member of the group was welcome to attend.

7. Discussion with Mr Saxby. Judith Foot and Penny Wadsworth had telephoned the owner of the National Tyres site to discuss the possible redevelopment of the area into a village centre. He had recently concluded a new lease on the site, but had indicated that he would be receptive to proposals for the redevelopment of the area at an appropriate time, and for its inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan. Dale Mayhew recommended that any wording on the future development of the site should be agreed with Mr Saxby in advance of the publication of the plan to avoid any misunderstanding.

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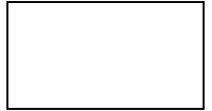
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8. Date of Next Meeting. 28 August 2014 at 7.30 pm.



There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

Chairman.....

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