

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting held on 3 July 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Paul King (Chairman) Peter Gibbons
Steven Ecroyd Geoff Copley
Bill Hatton Judith Foot
David Cumberland Ian Credland
Georgia Cheshire

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present was Dale Mayhew, Director, Dowsett Mayhew.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** An apology for absence was received from Penny Wadsworth.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** None.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 May 2014.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 4. Questionnaire Results.** Approximately 120 questionnaires had been returned to date, and a further 250 were being circulated through the schools etc.

Geoff Copley would ask the shops if they would take the questionnaire boxes back, which he had already collected, as more questionnaires had been issued.

Geoff Copley had produced a draft analysis of the first 60 responses, which had been circulated.

Paul King had set up a Twitter page for the NP, and it was agreed that a multi media approach should be taken to publicity.

On the question of the rate of response, Dale Mayhew indicated that the intent to engage with the public was an important factor rather than the level of response, and that the response from the public varied among parishes. Often smaller parishes received a higher response rate than larger ones.

From the responses so far, the topics and vision in the NP were supported, but there was a strong preference for few or no new housing in the village.

It was important to give residents the feed-back from the questionnaire, and it was agreed that the initial results should be made available for the open days.

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It was agreed that the Working Group would have a stall at the Village Market on 26 July 2014 to publicise the NP. Georgia Cheshire and Judith Foot volunteered to man it, and other councillors were asked to assist if available.

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- 5. Feedback from the HAA AGM.** Paul King and Bill Hatton reported on the Hassocks Amenity Association AGM. Feedback on the NP focussed on parking and housing. A number of attendees had not completed questionnaires. Paul King had encouraged greater feedback and the benefits of a good level of public engagement.

- 6. Arrangements for Further Public Engagement.** The Green Room at the Adastra Hall had been booked for 19 and 20 September 2014 for public open days on the NP. It was hoped that as many parish councillors as possible would attend for the two days.

Dale Mayhew would circulate details of how other parishes had run their open days. Hurstpierpoint for example had shown details of potential housing sites. It was important to have a method of recording public feedback at the event.

DM

It was agreed that Geoff Copley, Steven Ecroyd and Judith Foot would plan the event.

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Geoff Copley, in consultation with Dowsett Mayhew, would produce information on housing needs, with a range of scenarios, to be available at the open days. A matrix would be included for potential development sites showing known factual constraints on development.

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Information from known data, to be supplied by Dowsett Mayhew, would be used to show the infrastructure requirements generated by a range of housing numbers, for example the number of additional school places.

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Paul King was setting up a meeting with the WSCC education department to discuss the issue of pupil numbers for Hassocks Infants School, and he would circulate details for any other members who wished to attend.

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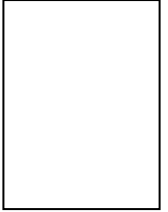
- 7. Housing Needs Assessment.** This had been dealt with in 6 above.

- 8. Plan for the Long Term development of the National Tyres Centre.** Judith Foot reported that a plan for long term development of the National Tyres Centre site had not been developed because it was not appropriate at this time. She suggested making a formal approach by letter to the site owner. The committee agreed that it would be difficult to approach the landowner when the council did not have a scheme for the redevelopment of the site. It was also suggested that the site was not large enough for any redevelopment to fund public amenities on the site. It was agreed that Judith Foot and Penny Wadsworth could make an informal approach to the landowner if they

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wished, asking if he had any long term plans for redevelopment on the site.

- 9. Date of Next Meeting.** 24 July 2014 at 7.30 pm. (An additional meeting would be held on 28 August 2014 to finalise arrangements for the open days.)



There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....