

## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting held on 26 March 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present:      Ian Credland (Chairman)      Georgia Cheshire  
                 Steven Ecroyd                                  Frances Gaudencio  
                 Bill Hatton    Virginia Pullan  
                 Judith Foot    Peter Gibbons

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present were Dale Mayhew, Dowsett Mayhew, and five members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Adrian Batchelor, Geoff Copley, Justine Fisher and Penny Wadsworth. Ian Credland would contact Justine Fisher to ask if she wanted to withdraw as a member of the working group.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Ian Credland and Judith Foot declared an interest in Ham field, Frances Gaudencio land east of Ockley Lane, Peter Gibbons land north of Clayton Mills and Virginia Pullan land at Pattendens.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 March 2015.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record
4. **Report from Work Stream Leaders.**
  - a) **Housing.** Members were working on inputting the comments received at the open events in January 2015 and Geoff Copley should have produced an analysis of the results by the next meeting. Ian Credland would copy the draft housing paper prepared by Bill Hatton to Dale Mayhew.
  - b) **Economic Development/Tourism.** Approximately 100 questionnaires had been distributed to local businesses and 39 had been returned. Georgia Cheshire would follow up a response from Tates. The questionnaires would need to be analysed. Geoff Copley was looking at how a survey for home workers and businesses could be put on the parish council website using Survey Monkey, and Ian Credland would contact him regarding progress. Frances Gaudencio would talk to Georgia Cheshire about using social media, and advertising. Georgia Cheshire would investigate the ownership of the Broadhill Craft Workshops as there was no information on ownership at the Land Registry.

On tourism, the SDNP authority might have empirical data which could be useful, and Dale Mayhew and Virginia Pullan would follow this up with the SDNP.

It was suggested that policies might be developed to secure horticultural use on some sites. Dale Mayhew advised that such policies could be included, but would need a robust evidence base that these were important to the community.

- c) **Amenities/Education/Health.** Paul King was setting up meetings with the health authority and WSCC education department. On amenities work had been done on the present level of amenities against national standards, but assistance would be required from Dowsett Mayhew on how projected population growth would relate to amenity provision in future.
  - d) **Transport.** Dale Mayhew was trying to set up a meeting with MSDC and WSCC. Ian Credland would contact County Councillor Andy Petch to ask for his assistance with getting a representative of WSCC to attend, and Dale Mayhew would keep Geoff Copley informed of progress as he was the workstream leader.
  - e) **Environment/Wildlife/Nature.** A draft had been circulated and work was ongoing on mapping. Dale Mayhew emphasised the importance of adding data sources for all the information included.
5. **Correspondence.** The response from Ditchling Parish Council opposing development on sites to the east and south of the village was noted.
  6. **Administration of the NPWG.** Ian Credland had spoken to a clerk who was working on two other Neighbourhood Plans regarding working for the council on a self-employed basis to assist with the administration of the NPWG. There was also the possibility of using a member of staff at Dowsett Mayhew for some tasks. Ian Credland would put proposals and a budget to the next meeting of the parish council asking for approval to use these resources and for a sum to be set aside from reserves to cover the cost.
  7. **Additional Resources.** See 6 above.
  8. **Date of Next Meeting.** 9 April 2015 at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

