

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 9 April 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Ian Credland (Chairman) Judith Foot
 Geoff Copley Virginia Pullan
 Steven Ecroyd Peter Gibbons

In Attendance: Dale Mayhew, Dowsett Mayhew, Valerie Alford (for items 1-4b).

Clerk: Linda Baker.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from David Cumberland, Bill Hatton, Georgia Cheshire, Frances Gaudencio, Penny Wadsworth, Paul King and Justine Fisher.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Ian Credland, Judith Foot and Valerie Alford declared an interest in Ham field, Peter Gibbons land north of Clayton Mills, and Virginia Pullan land at Pattendens.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 March 2015.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. **Report from Workstreams.**
 - a) **Landscape Character Assessment.** Drafts of the landscape character assessment and townscape had been circulated for comment. Dale Mayhew thought this was a helpful background document, but suggested that some of the descriptions might need to be revised to avoid positive or negative comments, but to keep the document factual, referencing where information was drawn from. He advised that different potential housing sites could have different densities of housing dependant on location, geography and existing development. He would highlight terminology which might need revising, and Valerie Alford would prepare a revised draft taking account of members' comments.
 - b) **Housing.** The analysis of the questionnaires had been completed and Geoff Copley had prepared a summary of the qualitative analysis. Geoff Copley would revise the analysis in light of comments at the meeting, and circulate, and the information could then be put on the HPC website. Rydon Homes would be making a presentation to the group on 23 April 2015, before the next meeting.
 - c) **Economic Development and Tourism.** Geoff Copley had prepared the questionnaire to go on the website using Survey Monkey, in consultation with Trigger. There were a few difficulties to be resolved and then the questionnaire could go live. Geoff

Copley had prepared a coding framework for the business questionnaire so that analysis could be carried out. Dale Mayhew thought that sufficient effort had been made to engage with the business community, but the group might like to approach larger businesses, for example Tates, if they had not responded.

- d) **Amenities/Education/Health.** A meeting had been arranged with WSCC on 20 April 2015 to discuss education provision.
 - e) **Transport.** The report had been revised to include school travel plans. WSCC had agreed to a meeting to discuss transport issues, and it was agreed that if possible it would be arranged around the education meeting at 11.00 am or 3.00 pm on 20 April 2015.
 - f) **Environment.** Virginia Pullan reported that the information gathered would be incorporated into a final version and a meeting would be arranged with David Widdycombe before the next NPWG meeting. Dale Mayhew had some information on surface water flooding from WSCC which he would pass to Virginia Pullan.
5. **MSDC Infrastructure Development Plan.** It was agreed that the Beacon Centre did not now need to be included as the site would probably be redeveloped. Ian Credland would email council members asking if they had any infrastructure priorities they would like to see included, and the transport workstream would consider any transport needs.
 6. **Draft Settlement Sustainability Review.** There were no comments to make on the draft.
 7. **Next Consultation Event.** It was agreed that this would be held on 26,27,28 June or 3,4,5 July 2015. This would include a list of preferred housing sites, and back up sites, in rank order, and include indicative housing numbers and any sites allocated for business development. It would be considered at the next meeting if a further consultation event would be required. A group comprising Judith Foot, Geoff Copley, Adrian Batchelor, Georgia Cheshire and Frances Gaudencio would discuss a draft structure for the event and put proposals to the next meeting.
 8. **Date of Next Meeting.** 23 April 2015 at 7.30 pm.

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

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