

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 19 July 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Paul King (Chairman) Ian Weir
Leslie Campbell Phil Mead

Clerk: Linda Baker

- 1. Apologies For Absence.** Apologies for Absence were received from Judith Foot and Peter Gibbons.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** None.
- 3. Chairman 2012/13.** Paul King was appointed as Chairman.
- 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2012.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Draft Vision Statement.

Paul King, Bill Hatton and Ian Weir had attended the MSDC Neighbourhood Plan training on 16 July 2012. It was clear from this that a detailed strategic plan was required to deliver a Neighbourhood Plan for Hassocks, and that consideration would have to be given to how to resource all the work required. All the work did not all have to be done by the Parish Council, and other parishes had involved community groups, organisations, individuals and professionals on different aspects.

A copy of the Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Neighbourhood Plan project timetable had been circulated.

It was suggested in terms of seeking community involvement, HPC should look at the most cost effective ways of doing this. It would also be necessary to demonstrate to the independent assessor that a thorough consultation had taken place.

It was agreed:

- Paul King would produce a strategic plan outlining the steps the council would need to take to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, and would email it to members for comment.
- Ian Weir would look at the MSDC draft District Plan to identify any points which would be of relevance to a Neighbourhood Plan for Hassocks, which HPC might accept, reject or need to respond to.
- Bill Hatton would contact Downlands to see if a year group in the school could undertake an activity based on the Neighbourhood Plan, and present their findings to the council

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- d) AIRS would be asked what they would charge to carry out a Housing Needs Survey, what this would involve, and would be asked for examples of work they had carried out for other towns or parishes.
- e) The questionnaire would be revisited once the above had been done.

6. Community Involvement.

a) Feedback from the Hassocks Infant School Fete on 19 May 2012 and the Village Market 26 May 2012. Sixteen questionnaires had been returned to the Parish Office, and Ian Weir had some responses.

b) Feedback from the Questionnaire. The results had been analysed, and, while not representative as the numbers were so small, indicated that the priorities identified by the Group were largely supported by the respondents.

c) Further Community Involvement. This would be considered once a strategic plan had been agreed.

7. List of Stakeholders. This had been updated and circulated. It was agreed that MSDC would be asked if they had any contacts for local landowners.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Intensive Support. The council's application had been unsuccessful.

9. Timetable. This would come out of the strategic plan (see 5 (a) above).

10. Dates of Next Meetings.

Thursday 13 September 2012 at 7.30 pm.

Thursday 11 October 2012 at 7.30 pm.

Thursday 15 November 2012 at 7.30 pm

Thursday 13 December 2012 at 7.30 pm.

Paul King, Phil Mead and Ian Weir would meet representatives of Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Parish Council on 2 August 2012 at 11.00 am to discuss the Hurst Plan.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

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

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