

## **East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council**

### **Agenda Notes for Steering Group Meeting May 10 2018**

#### **Agenda Item: 3**

Currently Savills are acting for the Bradfields who wish to offer land for development at the southern end of South Street, East Hoathly. At the design forum Savills had a very positive attitude and appeared to be open to alternative proposals for the development of the site. They have asked if they can make a short presentation on new proposals which they say take into account the discussions which took place at the Design Forum.

I have emphasised that we have no powers to further their aims but we are prepared to look at the new proposals. So far as I am aware the plans have not yet been submitted to WDC. In creating a Neighbourhood Plan we are encouraged to speak to developers in the hope that they will take on board the wishes of the community as regards number of properties and their style, materials used etc. and the impact of the development on the community.

Our role is, through the NP, to identify sites and recommend development standards for new housing. We can consider what the developer is proposing but we cannot actively promote the developers aims.

#### **Agenda Item 4. Feria Report**

Richard Eastham has assured me that the report will be available shortly although possibly not for the meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. I have asked for a precis but am not sure this will be available either. If we have not received the report then obviously we cannot discuss it and it may have to be deferred to the meeting in June.

The report will determine how we move forward with the NP. Feria will undoubtedly make recommendations which may or may not be acceptable but will in any case need serious discussion and it may be better to defer the discussion to June even if I receive it by Thursday.

#### **Agenda Item 6. Working Parties and Neighbourhood Plan Policies**

Following the Design Forum we now have a better idea as to how we can move forward on these fronts. I do not feel that the Working Parties have achieved anything of consequence to date and I have not received any reports from them. This is probably because we were waiting for a sense of direction from our consultant. Perhaps we need to look again at how the WP's are constituted and what they need to do over the coming months.

What will be the Policies in our Neighbourhood Plan?

Should we now be creating a Draft Outline for the Neighbourhood Plan?

How are we going to drive the NP forward?

Much of the above of course depends on exactly what is in the Feria report and whether we accept all its recommendations.

Should we defer this discussion until after we have received the report?

### **Agenda Item 7 Steering Group Membership**

The membership of the SG is set out in the Terms of Reference. Apart from the Parish Councillors the remaining members were invited to join the SG either because they had shown an interest in contributing to creating a NP, had a particular skill or represented a local organisation. We have had two resignations since its formation and one new addition.

I feel that we do need to find further members within the community who can devote the time, energy and skill to moving the NP forward. Suggestions?

How can we involve Halland more closely in creating the NP?

I hoped that the Working Parties which addressed specific policies were one way of involving more residents but so far as I am aware this has not been a success. How can we involve residents without the SG increasing in number and becoming unwieldy?

Should we seek, through the new PC web site and other outlets to reach out to residents and see who out there is prepared to be involved? Working in a smaller group (e.g. a Working Party) with a specific objective would take up less time for an individual and could reach a satisfying goal.

So far, the bulk of the workload has been carried out by the Chair. How can we reorganise ourselves to spread the workload? Ideas please!!