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## **EAST HOATHLY WITH HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

#### **Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting held on April 12 2018.**

1. **Apologies** Peter Brooke
2. **Present:** Diane Knill (Chair), Tony Pope, Sue Cole, Jonathan Ritchie, John Deane, Peter Brooke, Jonathan Walker, Gill Kennedy, Gina Cuthbertson, Victoria Crick, David Burrough. The Chair welcomed Richard Partridge to the meeting. Richard Eastham (Feria) was also present.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of March 14 2018.**

The amendment to Item 4.1. proposed by Gill Kennedy was accepted. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.
4. **Debriefing and Resume of the meeting held with WDC on April 12<sup>th</sup>.**
  - 4.1. A resume of the meeting with WDC is attached. Discussion of the meeting with WDC formed the basis of an extended discussion and is covered in the attachment.
  - 4.2. This debriefing was led by Richard Eastham who expressed disappointment at the attitude of the Officers present at the meeting at WDC Offices on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Their attitude of the Officers towards the Neighbourhood Plan overall was not helpful.
  - 4.3. The principle cause for concern was the policy of WDC towards development sites . The Officers emphasised that the location of sites for development was the prerogative of WDC and the NP could not propose sites or recommend the number of houses to be built on them.
  - 4.4. Steering Group Members felt that this policy was contrary to the principle of localisation which was intended to give local residents a say in how development would take place within their community. A site specific policy led by WDC undermined the principles of the NP.
  - 4.5. Any Housing Allocation to East Hoathly was dependent on the outcome of the Ashdown Forest Emissions. This report was not due until July.
5. **The Way Forward**
  - 5.1. A report from Feria on how the NP could now move forward is awaited.
  - 5.2. Richard Eastham indicated that funding for the NP might be available from Locality UK to assist in the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment.
6. **Publicity**
  - 6.1. It was hoped that the new Parish Council web site would be operative by the end of May.

- 6.2. The new Parish Council noticeboard had been delivered. It was hoped that it would be erected by the end of April. It was larger than the existing noticeboard and it was hoped that a section could be dedicated to information re the NP.
- 6.3. A postcard advertising the Annual Parish Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> had been sent by the Parish Council to all households in the Parish. Details of the Feria web site which provided information re the Design Forum had been included on the postcard.
- 6.4. A report on the progress of the NP would be given by the Chair of the Steering Group at the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **Dates of Future Meetings**

**Thursday May 10 2018**

**Thursday June 14 2018**

**Wednesday July 25 2018**

**Thursday September 13 2018**

All meetings begin at 7:00pm and are held at the Kings Head, East Hoathly.

Diane Knill

Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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