

EAST HOATHLY WITH HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th February at 7:00 pm at the Kings Head, East Hoathly

1. Present - Chris Magness, Jonathan Walker, Peter Brooke, Richard Partridge, Kate Richardson, Tony Pope, Gill Kennedy. Susan Cole
Apologies – Victoria Crick, Gina Cuthbertson, Jonathan Richie, David Chapman.
2. Minutes of the meeting of February 19th 2019 were accepted and signed.
3. Rydon Homes representatives delivered the presentation of an outline scheme for 32 dwellings comprising 2/3 bed properties on a site located on the lower south side of South Street around a group of oak trees (TPO). It was announced that Rydon Homes have submitted an application to WDC. This application will not form part of any larger application such as a proposal which has been put forward for development on land at Bradford's farm. RH are aware that WDC will require surveys such as bat/crested newt/dormouse etc and would accept any other such surveys suggested by NDP SG.
SG had previously stated in their letter of invitation to RH that they would not comment on any proposal but simply acknowledge the information provided. Accordingly, questions were asked covering how 'affordable' houses would be distributed, inclusion of garages or car ports and retention of trees etc. RH was fully aware of the restrictions imposed by the Ashdown Forest protection measures.
The presentation ended at 7.40
4. WDC had written to say they needed more time before comment could be given to the submitted draft focusing on the vision and objectives. This topic was retained till comments had been received. It was agreed that once the comments had been received and discussed, a meeting with WDC would be requested for further consultation.
5. Tony Pope introduced the topic of reclassification of consultation groups; in particular the business group as mostly this is taken care of in the industrial/office development on A22 under Chiddingly PC. It was suggested that business should be subsumed under 'tourism and employment' as these were to be encouraged along with individual workshops and 'enterprise' . It was agreed that further consideration would be given to the topic after questions to parishioners.
6. Jonathan Walker introduced the item on drafting the policy section of NDP. Policies would start with special policy of the enclosed area which would provide a template for subsequent policies. Spatial policy would inform the key development policies and other policies would comprise aspirational items. Jonathan proposed to circulate a draft document for consideration after 7th March.
7. Schedule for 2019 was discussed and broadly agreed to conclude the NDP by October 2019
Interim stages were agreed as follows:

ITEM	To WDC	Public Consultation	Feedback Assessment	Public Event
Objectives and Vision	Mid Feb	End March	April	Mid May
Policies	End March	Mid June	End June	End June
Incorporate Feedback	End June			
Final Submission	Mid July			
Referendum	September			End October

8. AOB. Website. It was suggested that the webpage on the PC website should open with a banner announcing the latest update in the process as there had been complains that information on the webpage and site was difficult to find. A brief banner is proposed. Also of note, the inclusion of a permanent contact email address specifically for enquiries relating to the NDP should be available on the website. It was not discussed who should respond to this email address but if a generic address such as 'info @...' could be put in place then SG members could take turns at responding.

The meeting closed at 9.50 with the next meeting scheduled for 12th March 2019