**EAST HOATHLY WITH HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2019 at 7:00 pm.**

**Kings Head, East Hoathly**

1. Present - Chris Magness, Jonathan Walker, Richard Partridge, Kate Richardson, David Chapman

1. Apologies – Victoria Crick, Gina Cuthbertson, Jonathan Richie, Susan Cole
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th August 2019 were approved and signed.
3. It is acknowledged that due to prior arrangements of members, an agreed date for September could not be made. A meeting in September was therefore cancelled and the November meeting was brought forward to 4th November.
4. **Review of NP position.**

In the initial data gathering stage for the structuring of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP)There was a requirement for the construction of 66 dwellings. This was then reduced to 48 when WDC announced that the figure should also include approved applications going back to 2013. This figure was to be found in the ‘completion Counts’. The NP started in earnest with the count down to 21 and the SG were given to understand that this figure would reduce as new application approvals would appear on the new count; Authority Monitoring Report, (AMR). This shows to Government how a local area is achieving its target. This annual report shows planning by parish by parish.

Looking at the 2017-2018 AMR, to 10th October 2018, 27 dwellings had been built, accounting for the fall from 48 to 21. Later additions show 17 additions to the chart ( submitted applications) including Old Hartfield, in Halland, with 5 two bedroom houses. In theory this breaks through the ceiling of windfall allowance and also shows no need for NP to allocate houses. Ref: Appendix 3 on AMR. The Latest AMR runs up to December 2018, so a new one is due soon.

1. **Development Locations ( Task 6 )**

Areas indicated from consultation event:

EH: Green Gap, Broomey Lodge, remainder smaller green areas.

Halland: Roundabout, the Triangle (opposite Forge Public House), The Forge, other smaller green areas.

Discussion of results from analysis of September consultation event responses to sites for obvious development within the parish showed;

1. Broomey Lodge: 3 groups indicated suitable for 10 houses, 1 group for 20 houses, but for CLT only. 3 groups indicated Broomey Lodge as best place for high density development.
2. Miles Gap (The Green Gap): 1 group: 5 houses,1 group: 10. 2 groups: 20 houses. It should be noted that over time there have been ten applications for development on this site and all have been unsuccessful with WDC. It is unlikely that WDC would approve in the futre given the emphasis that is put on the view from here ( from the village) across the fields in a southerly direction.

Although the SG has supported the CLT project, the SG agreed that it could not be site specific and could not endorse the application currently focused on Broomey Lodge. CLT would have to develop a full application for consultation and review.

1. The Forge: 5 groups: 10 houses. Other sites: not considered.

The SG maintained that it is not proposing to be site specific with any development and the above is simply presenting public thoughts.

1. **Footpaths and Cycleways (Task 4)**

New route from Halland (Forge) to EH: 85% response participants that they would use such a path/cycleway.

Usage of existing footpaths was very popular and specific results and suggestions will be published in due course.

1. **Green Spaces (|Task 5)**

Participants were asked to grade the green spaces marked on their maps to indicate most important to least important. By far, the most important were:

EH: Recreation ground. Halland: Nursery Wood. This item was completed by all participants with results for popularity covering most highlighted areas.

The Steering Group wishes to thank Malcolm, Parish Clerk, for his considerable effort to enabling ParishOnline and obtaining materials for the consultation event. Thanks were expressed to all SG and PC members who took part in the preparation and delivery of the event. Their efforts are reflected by the amount and value of the data gathered.

The meeting ended at 9.20 and the next meeting is TBA as December proved to be a difficult month to arrange a meeting due to GE and Christmas.