

EAST HOATHLY WITH HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 August 2019 at 7 pm at The Kings Head, East Hoathly

1. Present Jonathan Walker (Chair), Susan Cole, Gina Cuthbertson, Richard Partridge, Kate Richardson and Jonathan Ritchie.

Apologies David Chapman, Victoria Crick and Chris Magness.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2019 were not available to be signed.

3. The Chair explained that the primary subject of the meeting was to discuss the Consultation Event planned for Thursday 12 September 2019. The format of the event and draft tasks had already been circulated for comment.

4. The format of the event was discussed and each task examined in detail including the associated Plans/Maps. A number of changes were agreed and the whole document is shown below with the agreed changes shown in red:

Introduction

1. Welcome and Event Administration. An outline of the Event.
2. Summary of NDP process to date. This would include a reminder about what a NDP is, **why we are doing it** and where we are in the process. ~~A reminder about the website and also~~ An update on the progress of the Wealden Local Plan. It may also be necessary to give an update on live planning applications and appeals and indicate how they may affect the NDP.
3. A presentation of our draft Vision and Objectives.

This Introduction to take about 15 minutes

Tasks

4. Split those present into small groups and get their comments and input on a range of issues. The idea being to present people with the ideas that we have been developing towards our policies and aspirations for the NDP and get their feedback to confirm or contest these ideas. **The groups will stay at the same table and all address the same task at the same time. The order of the tasks will be decided upon later but the idea was suggested that those that may require less time be done first and the time allocated for them reduced to allow more time for the tasks which might need greater consideration. Because each group would now be doing the Tasks simultaneously, each Task could be very briefly be introduced centrally and for example on the Green Spaces Task, the explanation of what a Green Space is and its criteria could be projected on the screen rather than on a piece of paper. There are currently 8 Tasks and it is expected that they will take 2 hours to complete.**

5. Introduce the Radical Ideas Chart. This would be a blank piece of Paper on the wall. If ideas are generated during the tasks that do not fit into the prescribed Tasks, the participants would be encouraged to write the idea on the Chart for later discussion.

Task 1 - Vision and Objectives

Provide a print out of Vision and Objectives with space for them to make changes or add comments.

Having seen the Vision Statement, do you feel this is a Parish in which **you would be you-are** happy to live **in the future** ?

Do you feel that there is anything missing from the Vision ?

~~Do you think the Objectives are valid ?~~

Do you think the Objectives are achievable **and if not, what are the barriers to them being achieved** ?

If the Plan period was extended beyond 2028, would you change the Vision or Objectives ?

Task 2 - War Memorial Sports Ground

Provide a Plan of the Sports Ground showing the existing facilities and possible changes with space for them to annotate with comments.

Please annotate the Plan with any comments and in particular, please grade each facility (existing and potential) with a score from 1 to 10 for how importantly you consider this facility to be to the Parish. Use the grading guide shown below:

- 1 - Not important
- 2 -
- 3 -
- 4 -
- 5 -
- 6 -
- 7 -
- 8 -
- 9 -
- 10 - Essential

~~Would you support an increase in the Parish Precept to fund these improvements?~~

Following on from the ideas coming out of the Design Event last year and previous parish surveys we are considering 3 broad options for the Pavilion. Which would you favour? Comment on the Options.

Task 3 - Pavilion

Pavilion Option 1

Replace the Pavilion and our Village Hall with a new building which incorporates the functions of the Village Hall. To include:

2 x 14 person Changing Rooms with Showers.

2 x 6 person Changing Rooms with Showers. These additional changing facilities provide capacity to cope with more than one event taking place at the

same time and for segregated male/female changing when required in addition to umpire/referee changing.

Hall capable of being divided into 3 spaces to enable multiple usage. Large enough and high enough to enable badminton to be played.

Space for small meetings/possible business office rental space.

Storage for all Societies/Users.

Kitchen.

Toilets.

Pavilion Option 2

Retain Village Hall but extend Pavilion to include:

Existing Hall space.

Additional 14 person Changing Room with Showers.

Pavilion Option 3

Maintain existing facilities.

Task 4 - Footpaths/Cycle-Ways/Environment

Provide a Plan showing the official footpaths/bridleways, ~~ancient woodland and species-rich hedgerows.~~

Put a **Green** sticker on any paths you have used in the last 12 months.

Add any paths/routes that you use that are not already shown. Please indicate how often you use this path/route.

Put a **Red** sticker on any path that you feel is poorly maintained or blocked.

Do you feel the footpath signs are adequate - put a Blue sticker where you think the signage is inadequate ?

A new and direct footpath/cycleway has been proposed to connect East Hoathly to Halland. ~~footpath is created~~, how often do you think you would use it ? Every day, week, month or year ?

~~If the land has to be purchased to enable the East Hoathly to Halland footpath to be built, how much do you feel the Parish should pay ?~~

~~Should the East Hoathly to Halland footpath also permit the use of cycles ?~~

Task 5 - Green Spaces

Obtaining Green Space designation for an area can provide special protection against development. A nominated Green Space must meet the following criteria:

Must be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves.

Must be demonstrably special to the local community and hold a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquility or richness of its wildlife.

Must be local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

Provide a Plan showing the potential sites for Green Space designation.

Please annotate the Plan prioritising the potential Green Spaces showing, for East Hoathly, 1 for the most important down to 7 for the least important and for Halland, 8 for the most important and 9 for the least important.

Please add comments to the Plan saying what makes the proposed sites special to you.

Do the proposed Green Spaces have a positive effect on your physical and mental state ?

How often do you visit **or benefit from** each of the potential Green Spaces ?

Do you think other spaces should be considered ?

Task 6 - Development Locations Sites

Development Sites will not be included in our Neighbourhood Development Plan. **Based on the Emerging Wealden Local Plan the Parishes of Chiddingly, Laughton and East Hoathly with Halland have a residual Windfall Allowance for 21 homes up to 2028.** This task is therefore to allow you to show your preference should we need to identify locations for Development in the future.

Provide a Plan showing **the Parish. ~~potential sites for small scale developments.~~**

Please identify your preferred location for possible future developments. Such locations might be for small scale housing schemes, businesses, recreation or infrastructure. Place three stickers on the Plan for East Hoathly and three for Halland. To give you an idea of scale the Blue stickers are roughly the size of a 5 home development and the Green stickers a 10 home development.

Do you think that **future development locations** ~~the sites~~ should be mixed use and incorporate a commercial/business element ?

Note: on the basis that we may chose to redevelop the Pavilion to include the Village Hall, do we include the site of the Village Hall for development ?

Task 7 - Assets of Community Value

An Asset of Community Value (ACV) is land or building(s) that have a main use or purpose of furthering the social wellbeing or

social interests of the local community. They need to be nominated to the Local Authority and if accepted will be listed as an ACV for a period of 5 years. If they are put up for sale within this period the community can enact the Communities Right to Bid for the purchase with a moratorium of 6 months to raise the finances.

Provide a Plan showing the existing ACVs and assets proposed for inclusion.

Please comment on the proposed ACVs and annotate the Plan indicating how strongly you support the proposed ACVs by grading each Asset with a score from 1 to 10 for the importance of this facility to the Parish. Use the grading guide shown below:

1 - Not important

2 -

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10 - Essential

How often do you use the Asset ?

Does anything prevent you using the Asset ?

Should other potential assets be considered ?

The Plan also shows the East Hoathly Conservation Area, Scheduled Monument and Listed Buildings. Do you think any **additions** **changes** should be made to these. Do you know of any buildings that should be considered for Listing anywhere in the Parish ?

Task 8 - Access - Car Parks/Buses

Provide a Plan of the proposed changes to Church Marks Lane Car Park.

Please comment on the proposed changes to the Church Marks Lane Car Park ?

Do you believe that East Hoathly needs another Car Park ?

Should all our Car Parks be fitted with Electric Vehicle Charging Points ?

How often do you use the bus from East Hoathly ?

How often do you use the bus from Halland ?

What do you use the bus for - work, school, leisure, shopping ?

What single improvement about our bus services would you propose: More Routes, More buses on the timetable, evening buses, Sunday buses ?

Radical Ideas

~~Please let us have any further ideas you may have for our Parish, no matter how radical they may seem. If they are likely to be expensive then preferably give some idea how they might be funded.~~

5. Summary of Event and Thanks for Attending. **A reminder about the website.** What's Next ...

5. It was agreed that the funding of different elements should be removed from individual Tasks but that this idea should be included in the Event. The idea being that we should not assume parishioners would object to any increase in the precept to pay for things without first asking them.

6. Kate Richardson outlined her plan for publicising the event via the local press and publications. Kate indicated that she would speak to David Chapman to get assistance in the design on a poster and a flyer for distribution (via David Vaughan) to each household. Kate also indicated that she would coordinate pop up publicity at the Village Stores and explore the possibility of the same at Stavertons. This was proposed for Saturday 31 August and Saturday 7 September. Jonathan Walker indicated that the response to the email to parish societies to advertise the date of the Event

and to join an email list had received a poor response. This would be repeated with more details about the Event.

7. The meeting then discussed the administrative requirements for the event and agreed the following:

There will be 2 sessions:

10.30 - 1.00

7.00 - 9.30

Tea/coffee/decaf and biscuits would be provided. It was suggested that this would be at the end of the tasks. (In hindsight I think it may help to shift this to the halfway point despite the disruption it would cause). Jonathan Ritchie agreed to get the provisions and Susan Cole would help prepare the refreshments.

Jonathan Walker agreed to get the additional chairs and any necessary tables from the Village Hall.

Jonathan Walker would provide a projector and screen.

Our collective memories were that Chris Magness had already taken on the booking of the Pavilion (please confirm).

A signing in desk should record all people attending.

Those at the meeting indicated that they would be able to attend as follows: Morning Session - Susan Cole (possible), Richard Partridge, Kate Richardson, Jonathan Ritchie and Jonathan Walker. Evening Session - Susan Cole, Gina Cuthbertson, Richard Partridge, Kate Richardson, Jonathan Ritchie and Jonathan Walker. Other members of the Steering Group would be asked to email their availability.

Chris Magness is asked to approach the other members of the Parish Council to seek their attendance and assistance.

Jonathan Walker would amend the Plans as agreed at the meeting and circulate them as soon as possible. This would include an estimate for the printing costs and other consumables needed for the Event.

8. It was agreed that a 10 minute summary version of the presentation should be created for groups/organisations that may not be able to attend

the Event. This could then be presented at one of their events (School, businesses, societies, church) to widen our consultation. We would keep this under wraps until after the Consultation Event as it may deter people from attending.

9. The date for the next meeting was agreed as 7 pm on Monday 30 September at The Kings Head.