

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
Meeting at the Kings Head, East Hoathly, March 6 2017
Resume of the Meeting 306

PRESENT: Diane Knill, Tony Pope, Jonathan Richie
APOLOGIES: Susan Cope, John Deane

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. What is a Neighbourhood Plan
2. Is there a need for a Neighbourhood Plan for EH & H.
3. Should both villages have separate Neighbourhood Plans.
4. Involvement of Wealden District Council.
5. Involvement of Local Organisations and the local communities.
6. Remit, Parameters and Financing of the Steering Group.
7. Membership of the Steering Group.
8. Future Action
9. Date of Next Meeting.

DECISIONS /RESOLUTIONS

1. It was agreed that members of the steering group needed to familiarise themselves more with the details of how a Neighbourhood Plan was drawn up and its possible impact both now and in the future. **ACTION: FURTHER RESEARCH BY NP Steering GROUP MEMBERS.**
2. Bearing in mind the continual flux towards planning by Central Government a Neighbourhood Plan might have little shelf life. It involved a considerable amount of time, effort and expense and in the end it could be overruled by both Central and Local Government. It would however bring funds to the Parish Council and in terms of public relationship would be a panacea for the local community. **ACTION; FURTHER DISCUSSION ETC.**
3. In terms of drawing up the settlement boundaries/suggested development parcels etc. It was agreed that East Hoathly and Halland should operate separately. However there were areas where there would be considerable overlap between the two villages (wildlife, drainage, transport etc.) and the two settlements should cooperate in these areas. **ACTION; FURTHER DISCUSSION.**
4. It was agreed that a meeting with WDC should be convened a.s.a.p. The extent to which WDC would be prepared to assist/advise/ etc needed to be determined. It was also essential to establish how restrictive the development boundaries in the current draft Local Plan were in the future. E.g. Could sites be proposed outside of the boundaries shown in the current draft local plan. It was also agreed that all members of the Steering Group should attend the meeting with WDC when it was arranged. **ACTION; DK to arrange meeting via the District Councillor.**
5. It was agreed that local organisations within the Community should be involved at a later stage. However it was agreed that a meeting with Village Concerns (which is supported by a large section of the community) should be arranged to discuss the usefulness/viability of a Neighbourhood Plan for EH&H. **ACTION: DK to contact Bill Walker.**
6. It was agreed that the Steering Group needed to establish what were its parameters e.g. How will it operate with respect to the Planning Committee/Parish Council. What decisions/actions can be made independently? What is the budget? **Action: Agenda Item for next meeting of the Full Parish Council.**
7. It was agreed that a discussion of what local organisations could be invited to become members of the Steering Group would be deferred. For the present , apart from Village Concerns, there would be no approach to local groups or individuals. **Action;Item for discussion at the next meeting.**
8. **Date of next meeting of the NP Steering Group:** This would be arranged after DK had contacted Bill Walker. DK would inform members of the date/venue etc.