



PULBOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**NOTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING
MONDAY 23rd MARCH 2015
9.30 a.m. PARISH MEETING ROOM,
SPORTS PAVLION, RECTORY CLOSE**

PRESENT:

Les Ampstead (LA)
Anne Ball (AB)
Peter Jones (PJ)
Richard Keatley (RK)
Ray Quested (RQ)
Alistair Smith (AS)
Andy Tilbrook (AT)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sarah Norman (SN) Clerk to the Parish Council
Rowena Tyler of AirS (RT)

APOLOGIES

David Hurst (DH)

RK welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

1. Update

- i) It had been agreed at the last meeting to draft a summary of Key Principles. This has been done by LA, RK & RQ and distributed (attached as Appendix 1)
- ii) Two fundamental questions had now been resolved; HDC do not have a strategic economic role for Pulborough and, as Pulborough has had substantial development over the past 10 years and is in a sensitive location, there was limited requirement for houses.
- iii) The key principles had also highlighted that the housing to be provided must address particular issues and that there was a need for smaller houses.
- iv) AT reported that following HDC's approval of the revised HDPF Submission and the amendment to "at least 1500 homes" from "up to 1500 homes" to be met by NP's in the District, he would like to see a maximum number of homes to be set by the Pulborough NP. It was noted that once sites have been assessed and the preferred options chosen, the Plan can include reference to the number of dwellings to be built on each site.
- v) RK reported that he had met with Chris Lyons (CL), the new Head of Planning at HD who had acknowledged that economic strategic planning for the villages outside of Horsham had been lacking and the subject of a tourism base in the Village was discussed. CL noted that if they did wish to start any initiative and wanted it to be tied into the NP then time was of the essence.

2. Review of Steering Group

- i) It was noted that Sarah Nelson would no longer sit on the Steering Group as she has left the village and now works within the SDNPA.
- ii) Members acknowledged that there was a lack of younger people in both the Steering Group and at the wider consultations and that effort needs to be made to address this.
- iii) AT suggested that former Parish Councillor Alex Kipp be approached and invited to join the Steering Group. SN stated that it was unlikely as she is aware that he has recently started a new job but will make enquiries.
- iv) The Chairman invited any further suggestions.
- v) The Clerk reported that the Parish Council representatives will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 21st May, after the elections.
- vi) Members acknowledged the problems of recruiting new people primarily as many younger people work. The possibility of recruiting stay at home parents was raised and the SN was instructed to contact the toddler group and St Mary's PTA to ascertain if representatives from the SG could attend a session, to chat and see if any new members could be found.
- vii) Brinsbury was noted as a good resource and SN was instructed to make contact with Steve Millam at the campus.

3. Call for Sites

Members received the summary of the sites to be considered and reviewed them in light of the consultations already carried out.

A summary of the initial findings will be circulated separately for further discussion.

Having carried out a broad review of the sites it was agreed that a matrix needs to be drafted to identify specific issues/concerns to enable a final decision to be made about the preferred sites together with any policies.

It was agreed that the Steering Group would meet on Wednesday 8th April at 10 am at the Sports Pavilion and RT advised that she would attend. It was noted that neither AB or SN can attend.

4. Green Spaces

Members received the initial draft of the Green Spaces summary together with maps. Attached as Appendix 2). It was noted that this is a working document and any additions should be notified to SN.

5. Community Assets Listing

Members discussed and agreed the following should be included on a list of facilities that could be given special consideration when considering development that was necessary to ensure the future viability:-

- i). A Village Hall
- ii). Allotments site (New Place Road)
- iii). Existing Pubs :-
Oddfellows Arms
White Horse
White Hart
- iv). A Primary School
- v). Youth Club
- vi). Main Recreation Ground

- vii). Cousins Way Recreation Ground
- viii). Sports Pavilion, Rectory Close
- ix). Bowling Club, Rectory Close
- x). Primary Care Centre
- xi). Brinsbury Campus
- xii). A library service
- xiii). Access to river
- xiv). Existing commercial premises.
- xv). A Post Office
- xvi). Train Station

6. Actions Before Next Meeting

RT suggested that, in readiness for the April 8th meeting, Members review all the existing evidence, including the survey results and the Stage 1 Report.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8th April 10am at Sports Pavilion.