

**Meeting of HASLEMERE VISION STEERING GROUP held at the Town Hall
on Tuesday 22 October 2013**

Present: Stewart Brown (Chairman), Mathew Bowcock, Andy Braithwaite, Douglas Chandler, Kevin Grottick, Cyndy Lancaster, David Round, Robert Silk, Vicki Purewal, David Simmons, Peter Isherwood, Ken Griffiths - invited as Chair, Culture, Education and Leisure Group

Chairman's Opening Remarks

SB reported that unfortunately Matthew Ellis (M E) from Waverley Borough Council was unable to attend. The agenda had been amended accordingly.

SB had spoken to M E earlier in the day. He had confirmed that no appointment of a Neighbourhood Planning Officer had been made and he was not sure whether it was the intention to make such an appointment. In the mean time M E would be happy to act as HV's point of contact.

M E confirmed that the Core Strategy had been withdrawn and that, to meet the housing numbers required by the Inspector WBC would have to re-examine the use of green belt sites and AONBs. These required separate review which would take a considerable time. Matthew Evans would be able to give further guidance.

Following discussion **it was agreed that LB, PI and SB should act as a sub group to seek guidance from Waverley, Planning Aid and other Waverley neighbourhood plan groups on the implications of the withdrawal of the core strategy and to make recommendations to the SG on what, if any, changes will be needed to our future process and programme.**

In the course of discussion M B urged that the Environment Group should look into the possible use of "Community Land Trusts" to fund affordable housing.

1 Apologies

Richard Oldham, Robert Serman, John Robini, Libby Piper, Diana Vartan

2 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on September 23rd 2013 were approved.

3 Matters Arising

SB proposed that **the action to discuss HV Ltd, would be deferred to the next meeting when Richard Oldham will be present.**

Action to set up a discussion on "rules of engagement" for HV re community assets is still outstanding. Action SB

4 Feedback from work groups

The chair of each work group gave a brief update on the progress their group had made to date. (CL spoke for the Economy and Business group in the absence of John Moxon.

A number of common themes emerged including:

- A not surprising overlap in the issues and options for the future the groups are considering
- Several groups have already identified the need for expert consulting input
- Some struggling with terms of reference and a concern that their scope may be too wide
- Urgent need for feedback on the community engagement responses to ensure that the issues being pursued by the groups are consistent with the concerns of the community

In the ensuing discussion it was noted that the proposed changes to the forward work programme to be discussed under Item 5 of the agenda should address the first two of these concerns (See 5. below). It was agreed that the groups should stop debating their terms of reference for the time being but be ready to revisit them later. **Action: Chairs of Work Groups to send the latest version of their TORs to StB for the record.**

Other thoughts to emerge for follow up:

- Economy and Business Group urged to consider the possibility that the Town has too many shops given the changes taking place in retail, on-line shopping etc.
- There is some urgency to identify a possible external consulting brief to take advantage of funding available for feasibility studies under the community right to build, before the funding window closes next April.
- The vital importance of being able to show that we have considered alternative scenarios by the time we are seeking community endorsement for any proposals
- When we reach the next phase of community engagement the importance of images and not just words to capture people's imagination. The probable need for consulting input to do this was noted.

MB undertook to re-circulate to all work groups the latest version of the analysis of the engagement feedback that, so far, includes the responses from the Museum, The Launch, Lion Green and Redwood Manor (?)

5. Revised Stage Map for Work Group Process

AB talked the meeting through a revised process stage map that he had prepared following two meetings of members of the Process Leadership Group in response to some of the issues raised by the early activity of the work groups. The stage map (copy attached to these notes) envisages a series of check points where the work groups will report back to the SG and then get together for a workshop to ensure consistency and a common overall vision and to identify

any evidence gaps and to plan the later phases of community feedback/endorsement. The overall effect of this appears to push the most optimistic date for a plan ready for external scrutiny back to the end of July 2014. There was some concern about this but, after considerable debate it was agreed that the first phase of the proposed process, up to a joint workshop at the end of November, should be pursued and the later stages re-examined in the light of what emerges from that workshop. To that end **all Work Groups are requested to prepare a summary (preferably in table form) of all the ideas, issues and opportunities that they have so far identified in their work so far. In each case they should identify any options/alternative scenarios that should be examined and, where possible cross reference with engagement data and external evidence. This summary to be sent to the Steering Group by 08/11/13. Action: Work Group Chairs**

It is then envisaged that there will be an all day workshop on Saturday November 30th at which the work groups will present ideas and we will work to identify cross dependencies and the main themes on which the different groups will focus thereafter.

6. Analysis of engagement feed back.

The urgency of completing this task was noted and as well as MB circulating the analysis he has already completed (see action noted under Item 4 above). it was agreed that the Evidence Base/Data Management group should liaise outside the meeting to accelerate the process. **Action StB, MB, DC,**

7. Make up of Steering Group Sub Committees

By this time it was too late to debate in detail but it was agreed that the groups broadly as defined were needed and that it would be necessary to find new recruits to the Engagement Group and the Communication/Publicity Group.

**Date of Next Meeting: 8:00pm on Wednesday November 20th.
Location to be confirmed**

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