

**MINUTES OF HASKLEMERE VISION STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD AT TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2015**

- 1 Members: Stewart Brown (Chairman)* Penny Bradley (Mayor), Vicki Purewal, Lesley Banfield, Crawford Christie,* Jonny Fry (A) Cyndy Lancaster,* John Moxon,* Robert Silk,* David Simmons,* Diana Vartan, (A) Liz Burton,* Peter Isherwood,* Stephen Mulliner,* Robert Serman, (A)**

***= Present**

(A) = Apologies:

- 2. The Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 17th February 2015 were approved**

3. Matters Arising

Stage 2 Housing Consultation

Discussions re suggested amendments to the first draft were held with HTC on 5th March (SB, CC, PB, CL, LP, SN,)

LBu and PI – To decide how to take forward Beacon Hill issues not covered in Stage 2

PLG to consider how set up on-line surveys for students once Stage 2 text agreed

RS and **KG** working on list of Community Assets to be discussed at next meeting.

4. Future Timetable (TT)

- Aim for Draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to be ready by mid- December and agreed with HTC by end of January.
- SM urged HTC sub-committee sees earlier drafts before December. **Agreed.**
- SB reported that it had been proposed by PB/HTC that a councillor, other than the Mayor, from the newly elected HTC should be nominated as the lead link between HTC and HV. This was seen as a positive proposal.
- Observation on the TT - It seems that HV will now be developing the NP more or less in step with WBC's work on the Local Plan. This should help to ensure the consistency of the HV document with the Local Plan.
- SB's suggested that the TT should now be published so that residents know what to expect. **Agreed.**
- Thought must be given as to how to involve other statutory consultees (e g Natural England, etc.) Possibly a letter could be sent in August.

Action: SB to add to TT that the final draft should be sent to WBC in December.

5 Update on Stage 2 Housing Consultation

CC reported that:

- 90% of the content was already drafted and structure almost decided.
- Once content decided, it is proposed that LBU will re-present it in a style similar to 3 page 'Do we need more homes?' Flyer.
- Text to be circulated to HV members and HTC committee by the 7th April.
- April 14th (or 15th) Steering Group Meeting to discuss Final Draft
- April 16th Next Review with HTC sub-committee
- 30th April final **Consultation Draft** to be reviewed and approved by HTC and a meeting fixed 6pm on (before HTC Planning meeting at 7 p m)
- Consultation to be commenced as early as possible in June.

Action: SB -To check members' availability for 14/4 meeting instead of 15/4.

Action: SB – To check timing for sending consultation docs to Royal Mail

SB reported that, at a recent meeting with PB, PI and SN, it had been suggested that, before proceeding with the Stage2 Consultation, an external planning consultant (as per Farnham/Godalming) should be employed to carry out a short desk top review of the consultation document to 'sanity' check that no significant planning considerations had been overlooked. It was **agreed** that this would be a prudent move, provided HTC were willing to fund the work and that the brief for the consultant was carefully drafted.

Action: SB to confirm agreement to HTC and propose that the brief be drafted and agreed by **SM, CC, SN and PI**.

6. Update on progress of PDGs

3 groups: Transport (DS), Business and Econ (JM) and Community Action (MB).

Action: All PDGs to note that final policy proposals from their group must be passed to the Editorial Group before the end of June 2015.

Transport: Workshop for HV Volunteers - similar to housing workshop held 31/1- to be held in April/May to sanity test policy proposals and check that the policies do not conflict with other working groups. (Note: CC & LBU happy to facilitate)

Action: DS to agree date with Transport colleagues and advise as soon as possible. CC and LBU available to facilitate. (Note: DS to give graphs to LBU.)

Community Action – A workshop, for HV volunteers is planned to involve a wider group in finalising the draft policy proposals

Business and Economy – Agreed to re activate proposal to survey businesses.

Action: SM - to try to get list of businesses from WBC. JM – to liaise with CC re design of survey and report back on proposed timing.

7. Communication Plan drawn up by LBU.

Action: SB/L Bu to consider what help is needed. It will only happen with help from volunteers

8. Report back on Sustainability Objectives

As agreed at the last SG Meeting CC, LB, and MM had met on March 3rd

The group proposed a letter to WBC setting out the legal framework under which we can request assistance for the sustainability appraisal and possibly other matters.

Action: CC to liaise with SN re contact she has had with WBC on sustainability

LBan and CC will draft a table with policy on the rows and NPPF sustainability criteria on the columns. This will be the basis of the assessment. The group is of the opinion that all we need to do is to test policies against the NPPF criteria in a simple manner. This might require us to add a few policies re environment if they are not already covered, but avoids the need to create a whole new set of sustainability policies/objectives.

It is hoped that, if W B C will have a Strategic Environmental Appraisal (SEA) which can be referred to as necessary, HV will not need to carry out a separate SEA.

Action: CC and L Ban to circulate list of NPPF criteria.

9. Assets of community Value- Discussion postponed until next meeting.

10. Any other business –

Action: SB to convene a meeting to consider how to take forward the idea of funding the development of holistic plan for central Haslemere.

Next Meetings

TUESDAY 14th or 15th (SB to check members availability)

TUESDAY 12th May