

**MINUTES OF HASLEMERE VISION STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD AT HASLEMERE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2017**

1. Attendance* and Apologies (A): Stewart Brown (Chairman)*, Cyndy Lancaster*, David Simmons*, Liz Burton*, John Moxon *, Robert Silk , Diane Moses, Libby Piper*, Simona Teresi *, Crawford Christie (A), Matthew Bowcock (A), Stephen Mulliner (A), Peter Isherwood (A), Melanie Odell (A), Vicki Purewal (A), Lesley Banfield (A).

The Meeting voted unanimously to thank **Diana Vartan**, who had stood down from HVSG to get more involved in the Community Land Trust, for **her dedication and** all her valuable work over the past five years.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2017 were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

Under Item 4 :

- The decision had now been taken that WBC would allocate key housing sites in their Local Plan Part 2, thus eliminating much of the Environmental/ Sustainability work to be done by HV. However there would still be some residual work and this would become clearer at a meeting on Wed 14 June with CC and PG. **Action: SB to circulate a summary of residual work required on Environment/ Sustainability after the meeting.**
- SB had sent out the latest version of the Policies but had received comments from only 2 members of HVSG. **Action: All members of the Steering Group to read the policies and circulate any comments ASAP and not later than the end of June.**

4. Progress of review of current draft of the policy document

- After the last meeting with LP and MO the HTC work group had reviewed the latest draft of the policies and decided they should be forward to Matthew Ellis (ME) at WBC for informal comments as they stood. ME had responded that he and his team are fully committed to preparation for the public hearing on the Local Plan Part 1 so it would be some time before he could review the latest draft in detail. However, he pointed out that he had not had responses to comments, on an earlier draft of the policies, that he had sent to HTC in June 2016. Unfortunately it appears that these were not sent on to HV at the time so it was now planned that they would be reviewed at a meeting of. SB, CC & PG on Wednesday evening, 14 June, to establish which are still relevant to the current draft. There would then be a meeting with ME the following morning June 15th to be attended by MO, LP, PG, DM and SB.

LP questioned whether the Transport Group had yet reviewed the Farnham transport policies as requested by the HTC work group. LBU confirmed that they had done so and that she had fed back a response verbally at the previous SG meeting but this had not been picked up in the minutes. She then confirmed that the Group agreed that the Farnham policy is well drafted and that much of the wording will probably be included in the final draft but the Farnham policy does not cover some of the issues of concern in Haslemere. The Group would therefore prefer to receive comment on the present draft from WBC and Tony Burton before doing a final redraft.

5. Update re site allocation/contact with WBC:

- WBC had launched their consultation on the Local Plan Part 2, with July 24th as the end date.
Action: SB to arrange for a link on the Haslemere website to the WBC Consultation.

- SB stated that although the decision had been taken to hand over the allocation of sites to WBC, it had been agreed that HTC and HV would be involved and would be listened to as the allocation process proceeds. The first step is for HV and HTC to coordinate their response to the WBC Issues and Options Consultation.

- DM summarised the WBC Consultation on the Local Plan Part 2 - "New Strategic Policies and Site Selection":
 - Chapter 1 gives a general introduction.
 - Chapter 2 deals with Green Belt restrictions ~ questions on whether to keep them or not.
 - Chapter 3 sets out the criteria for Site Selection and asks feedback on what people think about the sites.
 - Chapter 4 deals with Town Centres and Shopping, Business & Tourism, asking opinions/ ideas.
 - Chapter 5 deals with Local Green Spaces and Healthy Communities.

Generally there are many very open questions in every chapter such as: how would you deal with this issue?

Action:

- All SG members to read the consultation document and, in order to coordinate a response on the whole document by July 24th, comments should be sent to SB no later than the end of June.
- SB, CC & PG to co-ordinate the response to Chapters 2, 3 and 5 re Housing and other Land Use , Site Selection and Green Spaces.
- JM & RS to look at the Business and Tourism Section and send in their comments.
- SB to notify Haslemere Society to send in their comments.

- The WBC Timetable for the Site Allocation process is understood to be:

- June 12 – July 24: Issues & Options consultation
- July 24 – Mid Sept: Site Assessment Analysis ~ taking into account comments
- Mid Oct - End Nov: Consultation on Preferred Options ~ after elimination of unsuitable sites.

6. Revised HV process/work programme:

SB suggested that it was too early to define this clearly as things are in a state of flux at the moment, but identified the following key actions:

- SG members review of the latest draft of the NP policies – End June
- Draft response to the WBC Issues and Options Consultation Document – End June
- Production of a complete draft of the NP which marries the draft front end to the current version of the policies and eliminating duplication as necessary – End June

Action: SB to circulate a more detailed work programme as soon as possible.

Action: LBU to produce a combined first draft of the NP, including Front end and Policy Summary, and send it to SB & CC for comments by end June. SB & CC to complete the knitting of the policies in the 2 documents together by end June and then circulate to all SG members.

7. AOB:

- SB asked DM for an update on the Community Land Trust and how HV could contribute:

DM reported that the CLT had been incorporated and there was a meeting later in the week to appoint directors. After that, they will plan when they will be ready to recruit members. The team is growing, the website is up and running but there is no live project at this stage. A plan is being put together to carry out a housing needs survey. The CLT will not be in a position to seek volunteers until specific tasks have been identified.

- JM made the point that the important issue of Parking had not been adequately addressed in the Plan and needs to be looked at. It was agreed to revisit this with more members present, or possibly set up a group to work on this.

Action: SB to put on the Agenda for the next meeting

8. Dates for future meetings: Tuesday August 15th

The meeting ended at 9.20pm

