MINUTES OF HASLEMERE VISION STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD AT HASLEMERE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2018

- 1. Attendance* and Apologies (A): Stewart Brown (Chairman)*, Lesley Banfield*, Stephen Mulliner*, Liz Burton*, David Simmons*, John Moxon*, Robert Silk*, Simona Teresi*, Cyndy Lancaster (A), Diane Moses (A), Crawford Christie (A), Peter Isherwood (A), Melanie Odell (A), Libby Piper (A), Matthew Bowcock (A), Vicki Purewal (A).
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 January 2018 were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

- **DS** had not yet heard back from Victoria Leek on evidence for support of 20MPH zones and that collected so far by HV showed a 50/50 split for and against **Action ongoing**.
- On Business Policies, SB reported that the policies regarding the use of Article 4 to provide protection of retail premises was covered in the Epsom Local Plan, not their NP. HTC are talking to WBC on whether something on similar lines could apply to Haslemere & Beacon Hill. **Action ongoing: SB** to determine any progress on this issue by HTC.
- Transport Policies and Maps had been completed, review of the complete document with WBC was in process and the draft will be submitted for provisional HTC approval at the Full Council meeting on March 22nd.

4. Receive update on and agree HV response to WBC's proposal to apply to deregister the Wey Hill Fairground as common land as a first step to resurfacing and introducing pay parking and then subsequent development of the site:

SB had circulated before the meeting a letter from Richard Homewood, Head of Environmental Services at WBC (see attached) outlining the background and proposals. HV needed to respond with any comments by 30 March.

- SM reported that WBC had indicated at a recent meeting that they would be open to exploring the possibilities for eventual future development, especially residential, provided that parking pays for their investment. They were told that the local community are deeply suspicious of their motives re. this site and that only a firm commitment to explore future development could overcome this.
- SM had spoken to Carole King, Housing portfolio holder at WBC and suggested that if anyone is going to develop, WBC would be the lowest cost developer as they own the land, and if they cannot do it successfully, who can? CK had responded that a development of affordable housing probably stands the best chance. The cost of the initial ground works was a concern.
- SM had an indication from Simon Dear of HTC, a qualified surveyor with a background in building construction that an underground survey would cost around £50-75k depending what depth of piling will be needed to support a structure.
- SM understood from Ged Hall, Finance Portfolio holder, that given current financial constraints WBC may not be able to do anything for at least 3-4 years. It may be difficult for WBC to work in partnership with a Housing Association as none of them have any surplus.
- LB declared an interest here through her work for MHCLG but undertook to investigate what funding may become available to encourage community developments. Idealy we need to be able to help WBC to access alternative ways of financing and convince them not to be so bearish about this site. She supported the need for affordable housing but urged that the site should include a mix. Building estates comprised of affordable/social housing only creates divided communities. What is more, to finance the cost of underground car parking, the development needs to be mixed (private and social housing) for it to pay for itself and attract funding. WBC is under pressure to build so should be responsive.
- LB said she could ask consultants she is working with for a quick idea of the costs of the site ground exploration works or alternatively a longer process, such as contamination and geo-technical surveys. She would investigate whether the local authority could use a panel of consultants she works with. **Action: LB** to first check and then liaise with SB to arrange a meeting with CK
- **Action: SB, LB, DM**, to form a working group to develop a suggested response to the WBC proposal and circulate to SG members for comment by 25th March.

- **Action: SM** to tell Carole King that HV will shortly be in touch re possible alternatives for a partnership between HV/ the CLT regarding the future development of the site.

5. HV response to WBC proposals re changes to Haslemere parking charging regime:

SB had circulated an update before the meeting, following a consultation on February 5th by WBC on managing parking attended by WBC councillors and executives, HTC councillors, SB, DS & LB from HV, as well as David Goddin and Narn McHugh for the Chamber of Commerce. The usage of WBC car parks in Haslemere over a six-month period had been analysed with a view to developing a charging structure making the best use of each car park. The general approach, which was broadly approved, is for different car parks to charge for different types of use, such as shoppers, commuters and local workers, but there was strong support from the floor for allowing a free hour for shoppers at some or all car parks. All organisations present were invited to submit their thoughts on appropriate charging structures before the 31st March.

Action:

- JM, DS, RW and LBu to put their heads together and produce draft response to WBC by 25th March and circulate to SG members for final approval prior to submitting to WBC before March 31st.
- **DS** to liaise with MO as SM suggested she and HTC had already done a lot of work on this.
- **DS** to alert RW and organise a meeting on this by end of this week.

6. Discuss and agree proposal for HV presence at the Charter Fair:

- Support was needed for preparing and manning a stall at the Fair. Action: SB to call for volunteers.
- There should be a Haslemere Community Action Corner composed of 3 tables representing HV, CLT and the Community Rail Partnership.
- The aim should be to keep people engaged and interested even though the NP and the Local Plan are not finished: present what the issues are and show that HV are still here and working on their behalf. **Action: SB** to provide **LBu** with suggested outline for her to produce slides for posters.

7. NP timetable if, as expected, WBC get the go-ahead on Dunsfold later this month:

- A final meeting on policy detail was scheduled at the end of March with WBC and HTC
- The draft NP could then be completed.
- The next key target was the July HTC meeting the aim is to have the NP first draft agreed with the HTC Working Party ready for submission to the full Council by end June/ early July to give HTC members time to digest it before the July Council meeting.
- Completion of the plan and submission for external examination will depend on the WBC Local Plan timetable.

8. Implementation of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):

SB, DM & DS had met with Lisa O'Sullivan, LP & Pippa Auger on 9 March to discuss the new GDPR coming into force on the 25th May. HV will need to ensure it complies with the rules but as an entity which works for HTC on the NP also has a responsibility to confirm (in writing) to HTC that it is in compliance with the new rules.

SB had circulated DM's explanatory note before the meeting asking that all HVSG members and other volunteers who have actively worked with personal data should confirm what data they have, both electronic files and hard copies, so that it can be relocated to a central location. They should email a list to DM by 12th April and DM would subsequently contact them to tell them what to do with the data.

Action:

- **SB:** to ensure DM's note is circulated to all concerned, including all past volunteers.
- **Doug Chandler:** to check the privacy statements on the website are in compliance, on-going control and encryption of volunteer database.
- **DM:** to write up GDPR Policy what personal data we hold, where it came from and who we share it with, procedure for deleting data if requested, procedure for providing copy of data, legal basis for carrying out data processing tasks, data retention timeframes.
- **SB/DM:** to write to HTC before 25th May to explain what we have done.
- All: to ensure any consents given in the future comply with the new regulations.

9. AOB:

JM pointed out that, now that the policies had been completed, the "Plan, Vision & Objectives" section of the NP appeared out of line with the rest of the document, and might possibly need to be expressed differently so as not to seem merely pie in the sky that we can't achieve.

Action: SB to organise a session for everyone to step back and think again how best to present the policies in the NP.

10. Dates for future meetings: March 13th

May 15th July 10th

The meeting ended at 9.30pm