

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Steering Group of Haslemere Vision
held at Haslewey on Tuesday, 22 April 2014 at 8pm**

Present: Stewart Brown, Lesley Banfield, Matthew Bowcock, Peter Isherwood, Cyndy Lancaster, John Moxon, Libby Piper, Robert Silk, David Simmons and Diana Vartan

1 APOLOGIES: Crawford Christie, Vicki Purewal and Robert Serman

2 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

2.1 SB reported, with great regret, that David Round had resigned from Chair of the Transport Group and from Haslemere Vision. SB wanted to record his personal thanks to David for all the hard work he had put into chairing the Transport Group and as a member of the Steering Group. The meeting agreed to record a vote of thanks to David for all he had done for HV with particular reference to his key role in organising the public ballot on the future of the Wey Hill Car Park.

2.2 SB, CC and MB had provided a progress report at a meeting of the Town Council the previous week and, despite some robust questioning by members of the council the meeting had gone well. It had, however, highlighted the need to work even more closely with Council members in the coming months. LP confirmed that it had been a helpful meeting and emphasised that the TC wished to know how they could support HV. SB had agreed to provide a progress report for each future council meeting.

Other suggestions at the meeting included: (i) As the referendum would only concern land use issues, shouldn't HV concentrate on land issues and nothing else? (ii) If the plan does include a separate "aspirational" section HV must be very careful to differentiate the two parts of the document to avoid raising false expectations (iii) HV should find ways to raise its profile to ensure it reaches the community as a whole and to ensure transparency.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, held on 19 March 2014 were approved.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 It was agreed that the Charter Fair (5 May) was not the ideal event to tackle the complexity of the Transport proposals. However SB confirmed that a major workshop on transport planned later in the year (See Item 5.5 below). The display at the CF would concentrate on alerting the community to the forthcoming consultation, explaining some of the key issues and seeking volunteers. R Silk had undertaken to organise the day.

4.2 SB reported that a number of volunteers had walked Haslemere identifying potential housing sites. John Greer had undertaken to map the sites identified by this exercise as well as those identified by other sources.

It was noted that Ken Griffiths, Robert Serman and others had compiled a list of assets that might be registered as "assets of community value" but that only the police station had so far been registered. It was agreed that KG and RS should be asked to update their work and circulate a list of properties suggested for listing. MB suggested there were three categories of property that should be considered for listing and agreed to circulate a note explaining the three categories. **Action: MB**

4.3 SB confirmed that our application to bid for the Police Station been withdrawn. Despite the team's best efforts no commercial partner had been found. The meeting approved a vote of thanks to James Birkett and his team.

5 PLANS FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF CONSULTATION

5.1 Timetable

Because Waverley will not be consulting on their new proposals on housing allocations to be included in their revised plan until July/August it is now proposed that the consultation will be split into two parts. The first, to commence in mid June, will consult on all matters for inclusion in the two parts of the NP other than housing and the second, in early September will consult on housing and on proposals for the Wey Hill Fairground site.

5.2 Charter Fair 5 May 2014 1-5pm

RSil is organising. It is seen as an opportunity to inform and involve the communities in the forthcoming consultation, getting them to help by expressing their views, informing them of forthcoming events and enlisting volunteers. We need to obtain as many email addresses as possible and enough volunteers to deliver to 7,500 homes.

5.3 Document for June consultation

The aim is to circulate a detailed survey "consultation" document by mid June for completion prior to the end of July. It is intended to deliver a copy of the survey to each household.

The document itself was very much work in progress. The latest draft had been circulated to SG members earlier that day and they were requested to send any comments and suggestions to CC as well RSilk & SB. These should focus on major issues of substance rather than detailed editorial points and should be sent in a separate email rather than by making changes to the original document.

In order to consult in June this document had to be ready for printing by the end of May so comments were needed by return.

We must encourage as many as possible to complete online.

5.4 Distribution of document

DS and DV volunteered to organise the distribution. There was discussion as to whether it might make sense to deliver a flyer rather than the full document. This would be less expensive and have the advantage that the flyer would encourage people to respond on line if at all possible. For those who could not respond on line it would list pick up points and possibly include a help line number where people could request a copy.

Action DS to obtain detailed street plan

DV to contact Ian Motuel, N P Officer at WBC for copy of Electoral Roll.

DS to contact CC to discuss the Flyer idea before going further.

5.5 Fairground Workshop

LB reported that this would be sometime in June/early July at the Wey Centre 9am-1pm. Paul Sutton will lead aided by LB and David O'Brien. The community and other stakeholders such as WBC and HTC would be asked to look at three different options (i) revert to a public common, (ii) re register as a common, continue as a car park but include some compatible community uses, (iii) deregister as a common and develop a self-funded, mixed use, community led development. Open discussion and brain storming would be the order of the day.

Action. LB was asked to confirm the date as soon as possible and to produce a more detailed plan of the day with a clear statement as to the desired outcomes.

LB to contact WBC, HTC and any other external stakeholders/experts with possible dates as soon as they are known. It is important that they are represented.

5.6 Transport Workshop

Given the importance attributed to transport and parking issues by the community in the first round of consultations the wide range of proposals developed by the Transport Group it is proposed that we run a community workshop (probably in September) inviting all stakeholders including SCC, WBC and HTC representatives.

Action: SB to liaise with the Transport Group to organise.

5.7 September consultation on housing

It was noted that the arrangements for the September consultation would be finalised nearer the date and that it should be informed by experience in the June consultation.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Neighbourhood Plan Editorial Group

ISB proposed that a group should be set up before the end of June to plan how the Neighbourhood Plan itself will be laid out. This should enable them to start drafting parts of the plan in August when the responses to the first part of the consultation have been analysed. By the time the September consultation has been analysed, sometime in October, it should be relatively easy to add in the sections on housing and land use.

It was noted that **Libby Piper's** year as Mayor ends before the next SG meeting and all present wished her a happy retirement and thanked her, on behalf of the Steering Group, for her support and encouragement over the last year.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 21 May 2014 at the Town Hall