

**MINUTES OF HASLEMERE VISION STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD AT HASLEMERE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2017**

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

*=Present (A) = Apologies

The Chairman welcomed **Diane Moses**, shortly to become Treasurer of HV Ltd, replacing Jonny Fry.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 January 2017 were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

These are dealt with under the individual items below.

4. Approve proposal on future of HV:

SB reported that only favourable responses had been received following circulation of the proposal since the last meeting. It was therefore unanimously agreed that the recommendations of the last meeting, namely that a subcommittee comprising SB, CC, LB, SM, PG and DM would work with HTC to complete the draft Neighbourhood plan, keeping the Steering Group regularly informed of progress and that the major focus of HV Ltd and the rest of the Steering Group, for the time being, would be support for the formation of the Community Land Trust (CLT).

Update on the CLT by Diane Moses, Treasurer and Secretary of the CLT:

- The geographical area of the CLT's reach needed to be defined.

DM reported that after a series of meetings with Housing Enablers of Chichester, Chichester County Council, Waverley and the SDNP, a letter had been drafted with the help of Housing Enablers and sent to all the southern parishes (namely Fernhurst, Lynchmere, Milland, Rogate) to gauge their interest in being a part of the CLT. Also she reported the geographical area could be changed over time and this was only a simple procedure.

There was some discussion that the CLT should help people who work in Haslemere, and therefore that latter's reach. The meeting concluded that the initial focus should be to keep the geographical area fairly tight around Haslemere, with the possibility of later expansion which might be beneficial especially with regard to effective fundraising

- DM reported a meeting was scheduled for Thurs 19 March with a lawyer and a tax accountant to get their views regarding setting up a Company limited by Guarantee.

- The recent appeal for volunteers had received quite a good initial response with 8-10 people already identified as providing a useful mix of relevant backgrounds and skills.

- On the question of who should be eligible for affordable housing, a list of criteria on how to select people was being drafted. LB recommended that the appropriate starting point should be Waverley's Housing Waiting List.

5. Update on progress re. SA/SEA and resulting work programme:

SB said that in CC's absence all that could be reported was that HV are now in dialogue with Waverley regarding requirements for the SA and a potential SEA. A meeting was scheduled for 24th March with Waverley and Natural

England where sites to be allocated would be discussed and the extent of additional work required on the SA would be clarified. LP said there was a need to clarify if the same sites as Waverley needed to be included.

6. Update on policy/plan drafting and future work programme:

CC, SB, LP and MO has gone through the draft in detail at a recent meeting. CC was now working on making a number of changes agreed at that meeting. . There were still some incomplete policies, especially some details of some of the sites, and a number of maps were still missing. LBU reported that Sarah Nash was contacting WBC with a list of items required/ questions.

On the question of Windfall: following advice from Tony Burton and WBC there would now be no separate policy limiting the number of windfall developments , but windfall would be dealt within the other policies, namely those aimed at controlling the mix, size, design and construction of properties consistent with the objectives of the plan. For example, encouraging smaller more affordable housing rather than large expensive houses.

It was therefore important to reinforce the Design Statement as this was now an even more important part of the mechanism to steer what gets built. The Design Statement was a HTC document which had not been updated for some 5 years and it was agreed that, as not enough people were in attendance for a meaningful discussion, SB would set up a meeting to agree proposals to put to HTC regarding the extent to which an update or addendum might be needed. In any case this would become clearer following a meeting scheduled this Friday 17 March with Waverley regarding the allocation of Sites.

7. AOB:

DS reported that the Hub at the Station Shop was opening on 25 March , and volunteers to man the shop were needed.

8. Dates for future meetings:

SB suggested 2-monthly meetings would be sufficient in future, with the proviso that the occasional additional meeting could be called if there was an important discussion or agreement needed on any arising matters. LP suggested alternating with the dates of HTC's 2-monthly meetings.

It was therefore agreed the next meeting would be next month on **Tues 11 April at 8.00pm** , and become 2-monthly thereafter.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm