

**MINUTES OF HASLEMERE VISION STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD AT HASLEMERE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2017**

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

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 August 2017 were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

- CC/SB had sent policies to Tony Burton for expert review and a copy of his health check had been circulated.
- SB had submitted budgets for this financial year and next to HTC for their September Meeting and no feedback had yet been received.
- SB had circulated a press release on the delay in NP delivery to HV members & supporters. RS enquired whether there were any plans to keep all residents informed as it was important to keep the wider community involved and interested. **Action: SB to update the present press release** with a link to the website where residents can find further information and send it to the Herald for publication and to **MO to add it to the website. MO to put it in the Haslemere Guide's next publication in Jan/ Feb** by which time there should be bit a little more certainty as to next steps.
- All other matters and revised NP timetable (following TB's health check and remaining uncertainty re. WBC's timetable) are covered in the points below.

4. Update on recent activity:

- Tony Burton's health check on whether the draft policies would stand up to Planning Inspection review has given rise to substantial further work to put his recommendations in place, namely considerable re-drafting and collection of more evidence.
DM has done a great job of tabulating all TB, HTC and HV members' comments on re-drafting of policies as identified at a Process Leadership Group Meeting.
An all-day drafting meeting is planned for November 11 with the Process Leadership Group and Policy Drafting Groups to work through all policy areas successively – Transport & Business in the morning, Housing & Environment in the afternoon. Some follow-up work will probably still be needed afterwards to lead to the revised final document to be sent to HTC.
- Planned meetings with developers to gain their view on viability of densities/housing mix for particular sites have been delayed but CC, SB & DM are working on this and provisionally have meetings planned with 2 developers.

5. Revised Timetable and work plan following Tony Burton policy health check:

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| - Process Leadership Group and Policy Drafting Groups all-day Drafting Exercise: | November 11 |
| - NP revised final document expected to be sent to HTC: | end November |
| - Joint meeting of HTC Working Party & Process Leadership Group
will be needed at this stage : | probably December |
| - A Workshop for all those previously involved in drafting the NP:
This will be a drop-in day, to assess the draft NP (as agreed with HTC WP)
and determine if there are any changes or additions to be made. | probably Jan or Feb |
| - workshop feedback to be incorporated in the draft NP aiming for the document
to be ready for submission at the HTC Meeting in | Week 3 March |

Further timetable unclear at this stage but next steps once the draft is HTC approved will be:

- 6 week Public Consultation after all has been agreed between HTC & HV
- Redraft to incorporate changes arising from the consultation
- External Inspector to review
- Incorporate changes required by inspector
- HTC and HV assist WBC in organising a referendum of the whole community

Further work needed in parallel with the above:

- Collection of more evidence ;
 - meetings with Developers (SB/ CC/ DM on-going)
 - sorting through hardcopy working papers for evidence and storage (SB/DM aiming to complete by end November)
 - any other, to be ascertained following TB health check.
- Work on sustainability (PG on-going)

6. Discussion on how we can best address parking solutions in the plan.

Given the absence of John Moxon who was to lead this discussion, it was decided to defer detailed discussion until the next meeting.

All agreed that parking was a big issue and that the public would be disappointed if more was not said on this subject in the NP. A Working Group will probably need to be set up given the complexity of often-conflicting feedback from residents of different areas as well as control of parking being split under many different local authorities. DM suggested an explanation could be included in the Introduction to the NP as to why it could not be addressed and RS suggested also reference to an appendix spelling out all the issues.

7. AOB:

- SB reported that Jim Edwards (Town & WB Councillor) had asked whether the NP would endorse a 20MPH speed limit from the Station via Lower St & High Street to Three Gates Lane. **Action: DS to look at this with the Transport Group to see what evidence of community support for 20MPH zones had been collected.**

- SB had circulated before the meeting a CPRE Surrey Press Release and accompanying Report prepared by Neil McDonald, a consultant for CPRE, which concludes that the housing need target expected to be imposed on Waverley by the Examining Inspector is overstated by 2500 houses over the life of the Local Plan. It was not clear whether this was a plausible case that would stand up to the Government Inspectorate but the local CPRE representative, Anthony Bennet, whom SB contacted said they were taking it very seriously. In the meantime we had to work on the assumption that existing numbers will stand.

- RS enquired whether the policies in the NP had so far been attached to any “statement of Vision” ~ as when he looked at the policies he could not see any connection to the wider vision for Haslemere, and the wider community might feel let down. SB explained that there was only a very simple “Vision Statement” at the start of the NP document. The NP will have 2 parts: (a) an Introduction, setting out the Vision that can only guide the NP but not necessarily be achieved by the NP and (b) the operational policies.

Action: SB to send the tabulated summaries of comments in the NP Policies, prepared by DM, to MO and LP

8. Dates for future meetings:

December 12th

February 13th

April 10th

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

