

Hook Neighbourhood Plan



Minutes of the Hook Neighbourhood Plans Steering Group Meeting Thursday, 14 January 2016 at 19.30 hrs Hall 2, Elizabeth Hall, Raven Road, RG27 9HH

Present Debra Davies (Parish Councillor)
Anne Atkins (Parish Clerk)
Christine Randall (Deputy Parish Clerk)
Martin Whittaker (Chair)
Jane Bonnin
Barry Deller
Rob Leeson
Sandra Smith
Janet West
Jane Worlock (Parish Councillor).
Liz Bourne (Consultant)

16.01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Sue Mesher and Diana Whittaker.

16.02 To approve the minutes of the NPSG Meeting held on 19 November 2015

Subject to a correction to the spelling of Worlock at 15.96 Members agreed the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

16.03 Matters arising

The Chairman suggested to Members that Jane Worlock become a formal member of the Steering Group. Members agreed and Jane Worlock was welcomed to the group.

15.98 Minutes to website:- done

15.99.02 Map of Hook Parish (naming adjoining parishes) for plan website

It was reported that there has been a problem with loading the map to the website. Jane Bonnin suggested that the website administrator could insert a new page for the map.

Action: The Secretary to liaise with the web administrator to ensure the map is on the website. Advice may be required from Jane Bonnin regarding future procedure.

15.101.03 Hart Landscape Assessment Study - link:

[http://www.hart.gov.uk/sites/default/files/4 The Council/Policies and published documents/Planning policy/Landscape%20Assessment%20Merged.pdf](http://www.hart.gov.uk/sites/default/files/4%20The%20Council/Policies%20and%20published%20documents/Planning%20policy/Landscape%20Assessment%20Merged.pdf)

16.04 **Response to the Hart District Plan Consultation**

Members agreed that despite the failure of the consultation the view of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group shall be sent to the Chief Executive at Hart to be considered outside the consultation. Rob Leeson pointed out that Hart are under no obligation to carry out a consultation; this is solely for the democratic process on such an important issue.

The Group will endorse the response made by the Parish Council and add that site selection, (which cannot be made at this time as the Adams Hendry report has not been forthcoming), will be made via the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Action: The view is to be sent with the Neighbourhood Plan e-mail address. Christine will prepare the response and circulate for comment.

Action: The Focus submission is delegated to Martin, Barry and Christine.

16.05 **Comments on The Rotherwick Parish pre-submission plan.**

The Chairman asked if any members would be willing to review the Rotherwick Parish pre-submission plan for areas in common with Hook. Barry and Christine agreed to review the plan.

Action: Barry and Christine to produce the initial review of the Rotherwick Neighbourhood Plan.

16.06 **Vision and Objectives – finalisation**

Members agreed the vision and reviewed the objectives up to but not including Objective 2 with the help of the consultant Liz Bourne.

Action: Liz will amend the documents and circulate within 2 weeks for further review at the next meeting.

Objective 1.1

Encourage the use of the centre of the village for retail, leisure and community purposes so as to give Hook a single “beating heart”.

Objective 1.2

Provide services, retail and leisure facilities within Hook to minimise the need to travel to other settlements

At 1.1 Members discussed splitting this into two parts. Retail and Leisure.

Retail could include- ‘Retain and enhance’ to replace encourage, with reference to trying to keep the retail core for more retail use.

Leisure and Community could include an aim to consolidate the leisure and community facilities onto the same site.

Members agreed that they would discourage new retail units outside the core, on the business park for example.

Objective 1.3 Facilitate transport to and from the centre by foot and cycle

Objective 1.4 Protect Community Assets.

Members discussed the possible advantages of the designation of community asset. The only real benefit was agreed as the 6 month period required before the asset is sold.

Action: All - a list of proposed Community Assets.

Objective 1.5

Provide parking that balances the needs of commuters, shoppers, workers and -visitors.

Liz agreed to speak to Troy ~~the~~(her Planning Consultant) with regard to the protection of the car parks – could they be community assets?-. Members agreed the list of car parks as Grand Parade, Hook Parade, Fairholme Parade and Crossways Manor. Members were unsure if the site of the toilets could be used in future for parking.

Action: Anne agreed that a map of the car parks can be provided to Liz.

Action: Anne and Christine agreed to review the map of green spaces to see if this can be put into an easier format.

Members discussed the possibility that improvements to the traffic flows could- be put forward in the plan for the use of developer contributions.

Action: Liz agreed to check with Troy.

16.07. Policies – pre-draft circulated

Members reviewed the policies up but not including Objective 2 with the help of the consultant Liz Bourne.

Action: Liz will amend the documents and circulate within 2 weeks for further review at the next meeting.

16.08 Next steps

Not agreed.

16.09 Budget

Anne informed the meeting that there is £2,718 of budget remaining. Recent Government communications indicate that there may be a further £2K of grant funding available as the original £6K grant has been increased to £8K.

There may be special grant funding available as the situation with the Local Plan is so complex and there are so many unknown variables with the Winchfield proposal. Anne and Liz asked the meeting if Members agree to the special grant application. Members agreed.

16.10 Confirmation of date of next meeting-:

18 February 2016 – Elizabeth Hall, Hall 2 (to be chaired by Barry)

17 March 2016

21 April 2015 (Parish Council meeting room)

19 May 2016

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.