

# Hook Neighbourhood Plan



## Minutes of the Hook Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting Thursday, 21 April 2016 at 19.30 hrs Council Meeting Room, Community Centre

**Present** Debra Davies (Parish Councillor)  
Christine Randall (Deputy Parish Clerk)  
Martin Whittaker (Chair)  
Barry Deller  
Rob Leeson  
Sue Mesher  
Sandra Smith  
Diana Whittaker (Secretary)  
Liz Bourne (Consultant)

### 16.23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Anne Atkins, Jane Bonnin, John Orchard, Janet West (JWe) and Jane Worlock (JAW).

### 16.24 Membership of HNPSG

BD informed the meeting that he is unable to continue as a member as his availability is limited. After discussion, it was agreed that he would remain on the Secretary's circulation list and would assist the SG in the future if he is able to do so.

### 16.25 Minutes of the NPSG Meeting held on 17 March 2016

Subject to a typing error, the minutes were agreed by those present at the previous meeting as a correct record of that meeting.  
DW will arrange for the minutes to be put on the website.

DW

### 16.26 Matters arising

All matter arising are dealt with under main headings below.

### 16.27 Site Selection

In the light of information from HDC, BD queried whether it was necessary to carry out any site selection of green field sites. Given the number of potential redevelopments of offices into flats and/or apartments, these brown field redevelopments might provide sufficient housing to eliminate the need to develop additional green field sites. Concern was expressed that, because of Government policy, the SG could have no influence over current and possible conversion of offices.

## **16.28 Hart District Plan**

16.28.1 RL reported the latest timetable:

The report following the public consultation will be produced after the District Council election on 5 May 2016.  
Internal meeting of Council Steering Group  
Strategy vote – probably June 2016  
Full draft Plan Section 18 consultation – late Summer 2016  
6 week consultation on full draft with feedback to HDC.  
Hart DC to make any resulting changes  
Plan to Section 19 consultation with responses on soundness to Inspector  
Inspector's consideration of Plan and responses and decision

16.28.2 RL reported that the Pyestock brown field redevelopment has been labelled as a new settlement – “Hartland Park” – 1,000-1,500 houses.

16.28.3 The SHMAA will not be finalised until after the May elections. It was agreed that LB would have a preliminary word with her planning colleague(s) to see whether they have any additional information and would report back to MW. **LB**

## **16.29 Necessity for a Neighbourhood Plan**

16.29.1 In view of the total lack of information, particularly with regard to housing numbers required, the SG considered whether it was necessary to continue to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, and the advantages and disadvantages of doing so.

16.29.2 It might be that there will be no additional green field development required, over and above what has already been granted planning permission. CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money will only be forthcoming in respect of “future” applications. There would be a serious reduction in CIL money receivable by the Parish Council if a Neighbourhood Plan is not approved. Given the likelihood of additional developments being granted planning permission in the lifetime of the Plan, it was agreed that the financial risk was too great not to complete a Plan.

16.29.3 However, it was further agreed that it is impossible to deal with the housing number aspect until numbers have been provided.

## **16.30 Policies**

MW and JB had looked at the draft evidence and fed comments to LB.

16.30.1 **“The Beating Heart” / “..... Hub”**

RL had led a sub-group and reported on what had been discussed. Sufficient information had been gleaned and RL will liaise with LB to progress this Policy section. **RL/LB**

16.30.2 **Green Spaces and Public Open Spaces to be protected**

	DD had drawn up a map/list and will send this to LB with a copy to DW.	<b>DD</b>
<b>16.30.3</b>	<b>Housing Design</b>	
.1	SM reported on her group. They will take account of the Parish Plan Design Statement. LB advised that they need to consider what the future should look like. A lot of information had been consolidated following the Residents' and Business' Surveys. Assistance from local estate agents has already been sought but further work will be carried out with them.	<b>SM</b>
.2	MW raised the question as to whether residents want small pieces of amenity land which raises problems of ownership, maintenance and what it should look like.	
<b>16.30.4</b>	<b>Hedgerows</b>	
	DD will investigate with Marian Bright in the PC office whether a map is available and check on protected trees (continuing)	<b>DD</b>
<b>16.30.5</b>	<b>Footpaths and Cycle routes</b>	
	JO has agreed to lead this subject and has been pursuing.	<b>JO</b>
<b>16.30.6</b>	<b>Public Transport</b>	
	JAW will put LB in touch with Mandy Butler, the expert on buses in the area (continuing).	<b>JAW</b>
<b>16.30.7</b>	<b>Biodiversity</b>	
	DW had accessed the Hart Biodiversity Action Plan 2012 – 2017 but will also check the Parish Plan on the NP website. DW will liaise with DD.	<b>DW</b>
<b>16.30.8</b>	<b>Coalescence</b>	
	Rotherwick SG have been requested to protect the land and copses on the north side of Hook in their NP.	
<b>16.30.9</b>	<b>Parking</b>	
	Evidence, particularly photographic (good and bad), is required as to what is happening – both residential and commuter (continuing).	<b>All</b>
<b>16.30.10</b>	<b>Education etc</b>	
.1	Sports fields have been included and will be evidenced in "Green Spaces".	
.2	MW has, with JB, CR and AA, provided evidence to LB of how HPC has gained ownership of open spaces.	
<b>16.30.11</b>	<b>Leisure and Sports Facilities</b>	
	JAW has been working of the list and will finalise (continuing)	<b>JAW</b>

**16.31 Action for all groups**

Written updates and reports for the next meeting to be submitted before 13 May 2016.

**All**

**16.32 Next meeting – Room 2, Elizabeth Hall**

19 May 2016  
16 June 2016  
21 July 2016  
18 August 2016  
15 September 2016  
20 October 2016  
17 November 2016  
15 December 2016

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.