

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Number 13 – June 2017

Steering Group members have had a busy and very positive month.

We have undertaken an employment survey, so we now know the numbers of people working in businesses within the Parish and understand a little more about their problems and also the positive reasons that have brought them to this Parish.

We attended a very useful meeting of the Rother Neighbourhood Plan Forum, with neighbourhood planners from other Rother parishes: Robertsbridge, Hurst Green, Battle, Sedlescombe, Rye Etchingham, Burwash and Crowhurst. We were able to share experiences with them and learn lessons from those ahead of us in the process. They have bi-monthly meetings which we will attend.

We have had very helpful meetings with:

- David Marlow, the planning officer from Rother District Council (RDC). He gave us clear and helpful suggestions for the next stage of the process and we plan to meet him regularly over the next few months.
- Richard Eastham, the consultant from Feria that you will have met at our public consultations last year. He is reviewing the draft policies that we wrote following those meetings and he is helping us to think about all of the information that we will need in the final draft plan. He is also helping us with the Strategic Environmental Assessment document that we have to produce. This is a significant piece of work that we will be undertaking over the next few months.
- East Sussex Highways (ESH) and Diane Russell the Conservation Officer for RDC, to discuss the traffic calming and shared space ideas that we are progressing as part of the work that we are doing on the Village Square. ESH are happy to work with us to design a new approach to handling the traffic that we have to manage in Ticehurst. However, unfortunately we won't be in a position to do the new coloured road surfaces at the same time as the planned resurfacing. This has to go ahead, as the potholes are becoming a danger and are therefore a priority with ESH. They are planning to resurface in the Autumn. We will work with ESH designers and plan for a new agreed design surface. At the same time, we will work with several agencies to raise the funds as the cost will be significant.
- S Evans, D Russell (RDC Conservation Officer), to discuss the renovations to the Village Square and particularly to the well. We have applied for grants to help us to repair and renovate the well, with decisions on these due in July and September.
- The Village Assembly. We were very pleased that most attendees came through to the Montessori room to talk to us about both the Neighbourhood and Village Square plans.

As you can see, we have a considerable amount of work to do. We are hoping to establish a permanent Neighbourhood Plan Board in the Village Hall so that you can add any of your thoughts. However, until this is in place, please feel free to send any of your thoughts or comments to [participate@ticehurstnp.org](mailto:participate@ticehurstnp.org), or write to Frankie Nowne, Ticehurst Parish Clerk, The Village Hall, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7BB.

