

Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

2nd March 2017 in the Village Institute

Present: S Barrass(c), Stephen Burley, Sheena Carmichael, Ann Cook, David Goodale, Claerwyn Hughes, Teresa Killeen, John Pilcher, John Poole, James Robson, Daniel Studholme, Robin Tait

Apologies: Tony Lloyd, Glynnis Tucker, Liz Young, Peter Sewell, Frankie Nowne

Judith Whiteman has indicated her wish to step down from the SG but to remain 'on call' for tasks.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Agreed as an accurate record

'Call for Sites' – consideration of amendments

This document, when ratified by the Steering Group and the Parish Council, will nominate the sites for development in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The amended plan was ratified by the Steering Group.

Reg 14 Survey Arrangement

TK went through the plan devised by TK, EY and SC. This can be discussed in more detail at the next SG meeting, particularly with regard to street champions. The full cost of the survey (GPO distribution and printing) needs to be approved by the PC.

Strategic Environmental Assessment – screening

CH explained that we had first to submit to RDC an assessment of our policies and sites against eight criteria. They will decide whether an SEA is required (Sedlescombe and Robertsbridge have both had to do a full SEA). If so, we may have to employ consultants to do this. She showed the sort of matrix used to make the initial assessment. CH is also writing a baseline environmental report to support our assessment.

March Report to Parish Council

The PC will be asked to sign off the Call for Sites document and the cost of the Reg 14 survey.

Other Business

Rewritten housing policies

SC explained why, as part of working out the Reg 14 Survey Arrangements, the group (TK, SC, EY) had reviewed the HO and BE policies, rewritten some and added others (e.g village development boundaries). These have been loaded on the blog she asked everyone to use the Blog to comment on them.

Highways

TK reported that the resurfacing of Ticehurst High Street has been delayed by East Sussex Highways by at least a month. It is still proving very difficult to get anyone there to consider the case for coloured surfaces for traffic control, as proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Employment Survey

RT reported that 21 surveys had been sent to large businesses in the parish, and 60% have been returned. Distribution of the survey to small businesses is in progress.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 29th March at 7pm in the Village Hall.