

## **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Montessori Room at the Village Institute.**

**Present:** Ann Cook, John Poole Daniel Studholme Teresa Killeen Sheena Carmichael Anthony Lloyd John Pilcher (c) Liz Young James Robson Robin Tait David Goodale and Francesca Nowne

**Apologies:** were received from Claerwyn Hughes and Stephen Burley

Sheena reported that the draft plan has been sent to D Marlowe for his thoughts - It was felt that it is important to get Regulation 14 right in order that it will not need much change before regulation 16. Fera are working on the design character with James Robson, which was partly submitted today. Still awaiting feed-back from the external agencies re the SEA but have agreed the 8 objectives to be used in that assessment. She reported that CH is already working on the 17 sites with a view to getting ahead with this. She hopes that she will have time to assess the objectives against the policies. It may be necessary to use an external objective party to oversee the assessment to ensure that it cannot be challenged at a later date. It is likely that Regulation 14 can be reached in approximately two months time when SEA work has been carried out.

### **Draft Neighbourhood Plan.**

Start on page 16

**Page 17** Suggestion that Policy R2 - Any form of development should demonstrate - remove developers as they might not be the proposers

**R3** Gaps between settlements fine

**R4** Recreation Grounds (plural) and remove light snacks - last paragraph - take care in layout of development to provide shared green space to encourage social interaction Agreed to remove the last paragraph.

**R5** Bewl Close rather than Rosemary Lane

**Scooters** - 4 mph on pavements, over that they should be on the road

**Footpaths** Horses should keep to bridle paths LY to look at Walkers Welcome policy Paths become unusable in winter conditions should have an action plan to create more durable surfaces. RT

**Employment Policies** Business survey rather than employment - plus dry cleaners and laundry remove negate the need for costly new buildings.

**Communication masts** - minimum impact visually. To add.

Add Bedgebury into **page 23** as well as Bewl add communication to page 24 last sentence!

**Policy E1** - Alter Gibbs Reed spelling 25

**Policy E2** - Debate about whether this is contrary to the current Bewl Application

**Policy E3** Agricultural Businesses. Fine page 27

**Policy E4** Protect and Enhance Business Employment Sites - Swap E4 and E5 round. As E5 lists the six points Add Power of Competence Right to Buy could be exercised.

**Policy E5** as an example Whiligh and the Bird Park Has the Woodland Enterprise Centre about 20 years ago has that and further plans for development

**Policy E6** in heritage designs PC policy lamp posts

**Policy E7** Add enhancing infrastructure lamp posts etc

**Policy E8** J Poole suggested that when works are carried out to the electricity sub-station the NP should try and persuade them to use solar power as local energy plan. Policy should be encouraged eg Gibbs Reed

**Page 33** - Take out the specifics of naming the individual businesses just mention large employers

**Housing Policies 34** - 1800 not 1880.

**Policy H1** 30 units per hectare is generally about what has been built in this area.

**Policy H2** 43 in Flimwell

**Policy H3** 'needing assistance' rather than frail and elderly

**Policy H4** To discuss with Feria and D Marlow

**Policy H5** Work is being done on this with James Robson and Feria Tiles bricks windows and external appearance generally

**Policy H6** Village Institute needs continual restoration

**Policy H7** Boundary - will have to be redrawn to take into account the sites that will be recommended for inclusion. SG will provide a new draft boundary for discussion.

**Social and Infrastructure Policies page 45** Add Ticehurst Community Friends and Explorers Flimwell Hall and hopefully a shop and 9 parking spaces to take cars off the highway V Hall will have space for 44 car parking spaces.

**Policy INF1** Uniform signage policy include as part of a design guidance FN to provide. Lamp posts aswell

**INF2** - Key facilities will be protected take out over 10 dwellings should include play areas LY asked to look at that again.

**Infrastructure community actions** ESCC Highways not ESH Audit of the existing play spaces

John Pilcher thanked Sheena, Liz and Teresa for all the work they have put into the draft document, which is much appreciated by the group.

**Date of the next meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 6.30 p.m.**