

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting 5th September 2016 7.30 p.m. Village Institute Ticehurst

Present: S Barrass (c), S Burley, S Carmichael, A Cook, C Hughes, T Killeen, A Lloyd, J Pilcher, J Poole, J Robson, P Sewell, D Studholme, R Tait, M Wendt and L Young. (Clerk in attendance - FN).

Minutes of 20.6.16 circulated and agreed.

Profiles - It was agreed that photos of the Steering Group should be on the web site - [RT to re-circulate request.](#)

Feria Urbanism - It was confirmed that the Parish Council have commissioned Feria to take the Neighbourhood Plan through to referendum.

Vision Statement - It was felt that the current draft could be reduced and after some discussion 'individual' rather than 'querky' was agreed as an appropriate description of the parish. [SBa requested any amendments/suggestions be forwarded to him as requested in previous correspondence.](#)

Funding: TK and FN reported that the grant application to Locality and that £9000 had been received to cover Phase II. This needs to be spent by mid January 2017. The group thanked them for their work.

Archiving: RT described the system he has designed through the web site, filing documentation and comments that are fed into it. [He offered to assist anyone struggling with the system on Friday morning \(9.00 am\) when the steering group would be at the Institute with Feria.](#)

Policy Development: Feria's 'Emerging Issues' was circulated to the group and included more detail as requested. Policies need to be developed - SBa to go through members' policy proposals to areas of common interest to work together on formulating wording – this could then be posted on the web for comment by other members of the steering group. It was felt that Ticehurst did not need an endless list of policies but should concentrate on housing policies, complementary policies and aspirational ones. Locality does give advice on writing policies and other completed plans can assist. It was felt that the emerging issues for policy could be more ambitious. It was agreed that the

draft document should go on the web site for public comment. Deadline for N & Vs is 19th September 2016 – CH - article to encourage participation.

Rother District Council: SBa reported that he and FN met with Norman Kwan and David Marlowe who were supportive and pleased with the progress of the plan to date. D M will attend the Steering Group meeting on Thursday afternoon.

Engagement Strategy: It was felt that the web site was a good source of information, but people need to be encouraged to engage with it and house to house engagement will be needed – DS offered to assist with co-ordinating this. CH to set up dedicated face-book page for NP.

Call for sites: There was much discussion about this - a) Ticehurst can meet its housing allocation requirement. By calling for sites, the SG could be accused of raising expectations and encouraging developer interest on sites that might not meet the NP criteria. MW to co-ordinate.

b) The SG should be seen to be fair to all.

c) The criteria for any development should be clear, before any call for sites.

d) The group could identify potential sites that might be of interest – post 2028.

e) Approaches may be made by developers for land to be considered during the NP

process. It was agreed to consult with RDC and seek Feria's advice on a call for sites.

Banky Field: Reservations were expressed that this site would be developed at all - FN reported that the agent has said that post Brexit, the market is quiet but was reassured that it would be developed before 2028. It could be regarded as affording Ticehurst with natural phasing and protecting the village from unwanted speculative development proposals. Correspondence from the agent has been received confirming that the field will be developed.

8th and 9th September:

Thursday 8th	Friday 9th
Feria should arrive by 11 am (ish) Core Group, SBa, FN TK MW RT to meet in the morning Whole group to meet 2 pm for open Forum with David Marlowe from RDC.	9.00 am – web site tutorial with RT available. Work on detailed planning of the next stages and policy writing. Feria expected to leave from 3 pm.

Subscription System: RT explained that anyone using the web site can subscribe to receive updates and events via email and it is hoped to reach out to the community via this method of communication. **All those who have been involved in earlier consultations will be invited to subscribe RT/SBa**

Parish Links with Neighbouring Communities: FN reported that she had written to all neighbouring parishes. She has met with the clerk from Burwash. The Chairman of Hurst Green may visit on Friday.

SC reported that she has built up strong links with Robertsbridge and Hawkhurst, the chairmen of each SG have offered to come and talk to Ticehurst - **SC to provide some available dates.**

SB to act as the link for Burwash and Etchingham.

AC to act as the link for Hurst Green.

PS reported that Goudhurst are starting their NP process this week.

Parish Surveys: SC reported that most successful NP's had carried out surveys (Survey Monkey) during their process - **SC to produce suggested format.**

It was agreed that Version 2.1 Plan of the Plan be put to the PC on 6th September 2016.