

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

February 10th 2018

Present; Jack Cranfield, Ken Jordan, Mark Evans, Stephen Avery, Katherine Matthews

JC- What do people think about the email from Donna re a Critical Friend?

ME- the proposal seems reasonable.

SA- would mean we actually have to use her.

KJ- is unhappy about paying lump sum when unaware of how much time we get from her. Would prefer an hourly rate.

ME- If we use it properly would be worth it, is not impressed with Lewes. Problem comes with how we organise paying her. Change proposal from march to may.

SA- would have to be from April on....

ME- could put it on the next agenda for Parish Council to pay the initial £375.00.

KJ- need to clarify term 'critical friend' before next Parish Council meeting. Need to know exactly what she will do for us. JC to go back to her.

KM- I would say you have to use someone at this stage to make sure evidence secure before we move on.

A discussion of Jack's outline doc followed, including the importance of the chapter on how the plan is formed, what we have done. It is critical that it is shown that we have consulted villagers all along the process.

JC- Newick had a flow diagram showing process

It was agreed the Housing Design Report should be a standalone document. KM to ask DM to finish it off.

The possibility of extending the Conservation Areas was discussed as was the Kings Head and Glendene developments which all serve to strengthen village centres.

KJ- Ashdown Forest issues need to be mentioned somewhere in N. Plan- will have an impact.

KM- Is worth looking at the Ashdown Forest section on the Wealden District Council website.

KJ- the Housing needs surveys are being printed and will be posted out by the end of next week. We should have the results just before Easter.

SA- it does need to be made clear on website that it can only be filled out by Chailey residents.

SA- it would be useful if each appendix had a code and a standardised name.

KM to check if when a site becomes allocated does it automatically become within the dev boundary as she didn't think it did. Is concerned that the first housing policy has been changed.

KJ- There is 1 brownfield site in Chailey, the Kings Head. KM to forward recent legislation re development in principle.

DC- to be asked to put Community doc in dropbox.

Transport- need to look up what came out of taskgroups. On next agenda we need to look at what the transport policies will be.

ME- The crossing on Mill Lane and a link footpath have been raised by villagers.

KJ- is more about getting the Parish Council to explore the feasibility of these.

JC- will also look at Community at the next meeting.

KJ- Broadband speed was also raised, if you get a petition you can put pressure on suppliers to move you up the list.

ME- can't put this as a policy, would have to word it as a preference... could mention it under economy.

ME- we at least need to apply for more money in April. Would argue for not being too precise in quote if we can avoid doing so. 3x critical friend fee?

KM- Can we reuse the money we have returned? JC- yes, just have to bid for it again.

KM- when you speak to Donna can you check she would look at draft in a few months for another fee?

JC- the target for now and April is have we covered all bases with evidence. Next meeting we will discuss Environment, Transport and Community.

ME and SA will continue to work on green spaces.

SA- has lots of photos, we need to make a selection as to what to use. Will put old postcards in dropbox.

Next meeting 28th February (later changed to 7th March)