

EAST HOATHLY WITH HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan Update June 25 2018

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group met on June 14 where the following matters were addressed.

1. Progress with the Neighbourhood Plan:

1.1 It was difficult to proceed with the NP until the Draft Local Plan was published and there was more definite information re housing allocation for EH and H . A decision re the Ashdown Forest Embargo was also awaited as this would have a significant affect on development in the Parish.

1.2. The Consultant had advised that a meeting be arranged with WDC to discuss the implications of the Draft Wealden Local Plan on development in EH and H. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged, if possible, with WDC after the Wealden Draft Local Plan had been to full Council. e.g. after July 25. Chair to action.

1.3. The Consultant had also advised that a site allocation workshop should be arranged with WDC. It was agreed that this could not be arranged until after the meeting proposed in 1.2.

2. Feria Interim Report

2.1. The Interim Report had been received on June 13. The report was based on ideas etc. which emerged during the Visioning Event and Design Forum held earlier this year (January and March).

2.2. The final Interim Report had been amended to include comments by members of the Steering group on the Draft Interim Report .

2.3. It was agreed that before the report entered the public arena (via the PC web site when available) the cover should be modified. It was essential to impress on the public that the ideas, suggestions etc. in the Interim report were ideas and suggestions and not firm proposals.

2.4. The Report had been sent to all Parish Councillors.

3. Future Relations with Feria.

3.1. The SG agreed that the NP could not move forward without the assistance of a consultant and that Feria was the obvious choice.

3.2. The following issues however needed to be addressed before they were formally appointed to continue to work with the SG towards the final Draft NP.

3.2.1. Progress would depend on the content of the Wealden Local Plan.

3.2.2. The work schedule for the NP that would be followed. Feria had proposed a series of Tasks or Stages which it advised following. Costs of £19875 were projected by Feria and were based on this schedule. It was felt that further discussion on these stages was required as in light of WDC Local Plan not all might be necessary.

3.3. It was agreed that the Chair should write to Feria and state that no definite appointment could be made until after July 25th.

3.4. The Parish Council would need to give approval for this appointment.

4. Neighbourhood Plan Funding.

4.1. It was confirmed that 12500.00 was held in earmarked reserves by the PC for the NP in the financial year 2018-19.

4.2. Provided the PC agreed to further earmarked funding in 2019/2020 of a similar or greater amount the NP would be financially secure.

4.3. Funding beyond the present agreed amount might necessitate a rise in the precept. This was a matter for the PC to decide.

5. Working Parties.

5.1. At present these had made little progress. Members of the public who had attended the Visioning Event and Design Forum and had signed the registers would be invited to take part in the Working Parties. The invitation could then be extended to other members of the public through the web site.

6. Organisation of the Steering Group

6.1. Pippa Cossens and David Chapman had been invited to join the Steering Group and had agreed.

6.2. While it was agreed that the workload currently carried mainly by the Chair needed to be shared, no definite decision had been reached as to how this would be implemented.

6.3. There was no resolution re the appointment of a new Chair from September.

The next meeting of the Steering Group is July 25.