



# EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN

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## EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING. Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to be held at the EYSC 7pm

Attendees: STEERING GROUP: Henning Von Spreckelsen (Chair); Bob Arnold; Allan Webber; Jan Allen. Administration: Jane Bromley.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Val Dixon Henry; Patrick Geoghegan.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

3. COMMUNICATION FOR THE NEW AND VIEWS PUBLICATION AND THE VILLAGE SOCIETY MEETING:

HVS Advised that approximately 30 people may attend the EVS meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November and he wanted to discuss his talk on the Neighbourhood Plan.

HVS wanted to begin by reiterating the Neighbourhood Plan process. He suggested reinforcing the fact that the Neighbourhood Plan was not generating development just directing it in line with Parish thinking. He thought that some in the village might think that the NP was encouraging development in to the Parish. He also wanted to reassure residents that the process was again gathering momentum and HVS was trying to progress the Plan as quickly as possible but also bearing in mind the Plan needed to stand up to a lot of scrutiny.

AW thought that this might be going over old ground and thought the message was that the Neighbourhood Plan was about ensuring the development in the Parish was sustainable as described in the NPPF and that all future change in the Parish should be sustainable, which HVS took on board.

BA felt there was no harm in going over old ground as the original message had been given nearly two years ago, and reiterate the NP neutral and objective position. As critical points with regard to the community's engagement with the Plan were now closer, residents needed to be reminded of the help they would give the Plan if they became involved.

BA thought reminding the attendees of the Visions and Objectives as set out at the beginning of the general questionnaire would be a good start and HVS thought it would be a good idea to forward to the EVS the preamble to the general questionnaire to set the scene and he would not then need to go over so much. **ACTION JA** He would also have to hand some of the more pertinent results from that questionnaire and explain how these desires for the village might be incorporated into the NP. He would have an example of a completed Plan to show the meeting.

JA asked as to the progress of the Housing Group. HVS said that the interviewed consultants were reviewing the work done by the Housing Group to make sure it was as it should be with no holes. He would inform the EVS attendees of this impartial review. JA felt the new approach to the site selection/exclusion needed to be imparted.

AW thought it was very important to define the settlement boundary as soon as possible given the new approach to site selection.

HVS wanted to get residents involved in the new site selection approach asking for comments from around the village on why areas might or might not be suitable. He wanted to set up a central communication point and JB undertook to set up a specific email ([EwhurstNP@btinternet.com](mailto:EwhurstNP@btinternet.com)) where comments could be directed and then analysed. **ACTION JB** HVS said any comments received should be given to the Housing Group to make sure that a suggestion for a site selection criteria had already been identified or for an explanation of it could not be used.

JA thought it was also important for the residents to comment on the planning applications which were currently coming through. They should be encouraged to comment using planning arguments and not personal issues or emotions.

Aw felt that resident's commenting on site selection areas would encourage NIMBYISM all sites have some positives and negatives and these need to be looked at in line with their sustainability and deliverability. HVS thought it was important to give residents an outlet for their frustrations and that names and addresses should be asked for when making a comment to enable NIMBYISM to be identified. JB would register all comments received and forward them onto the Housing Group. An automated reply could be generated to say the comment had been successfully received etc. JA undertook to put together some wording for the automated response. ACTION JA. JA would also be at the EVs meeting and would make notes to be able to provide copy to News and Views by 9<sup>th</sup> November. ACTION JA.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. None.
5. NEXT MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 7pm EYSC