Ewhurst and Ellens Green Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of Steering Group Meeting on the 22nd May 2017 at the EYSC

Present: HVS, VH-D, Bob A, Paddy, Tim Hurley, MT, Tom Fawcett, Phil G and Alison Johnston

No apologies

No conflicts of interest on the agenda

Minutes of last meeting – check all action points.

Henning thanked Phil, Alison, Ian Davis and Graham Ranshaw for their amazing work on the feedback from the Village Consultation.

Phil G then made a presentation via projector and screen showing the collated responses from the consultation document. It was prepared in spreadsheet form and would be forwarded to all concerned members on the understanding that it remained confidential for the time being.

The information would be passed on to the new Consultants as soon as they were on board along with the Housing and Design Criteria from the consultation. Waverley would also be copied in.

The majority of respondents were in favour of the NP – many requests for affordable housing and misunderstanding to go with them – great resistance to any expansion of Ewhurst and Ellens Green and the swallowing of Ewhurst by Cranleigh. Traffic, speed of traffic and parking were all of huge concern.

The typo suggesting a 4 hectare maximum site size was picked up – it should have read 4 acres (or 1.6Ha)

Phil had done a brilliant sample mapping exercise showing the no-go development areas individually – the principle of which could be used in the main mapping exercise that would include flood zones, AONB, Ancient Woodland, SNCI, AGLV, high spacial prority, conservation areas, listed buildings and community assets etc.

Publishing progress so far was discussed but it was decided that it was too indigestible in its present form. Some excerpts perhaps so that contributors could feel included. Probably a targeted email with a summary to all those that had commented.

Policy

Tom Fawcett reported on the results of the VAS measurements that had revealed some alarming results. Large 4x4 vehicles mounted pavements and parked anywhere without any problem and speeding was endemic. Tim H and Tom F would approach Claire McGill who ran the speedwatch team and come up with suggestion for a transport policy.

The renewed Call for Sites in April had resulted in several more sites coming forward.

Details of the quote from the consultants and the grant availability had been circulated to members.

Facebook page

After a request at a meeting for an NP Facebook page, this had now been created and was available from the front page of the Ewhurst Web site and also from the NP site. It needs "stocking up" so that it is of more interest to readers – but a start had been made. Members were requested to ask friends who had FB accounts to log on and share. Thanks to Graham Ranshaw were recorded.

AOB

It was confirmed that SG members could make public comment on individual planning applications as individual members of the public despite being on the Steering Group, but that they were encouraged to always moderate their language and be sure of any facts included in their submissions.

Date of next meeting.

26th June 2017 – 8.00 PM at EYSC unless otherwise advised.