



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Neighbourhood Planning Committee

REPORT (Minutes)

of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee,
held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Street, Hailsham
On Wednesday 24th August 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Prior to commencement of the remaining formal business of the meeting a period of not more than 15 minutes had been assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the public present to address the Assembly, or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities of the Town Council) at the invitation and discretion of the presiding Chairman.

NP/16/3/56 **Present:** Councillors N. Collinson, Mrs. C. Collinson-O'Toole, N. Coltman, Mrs. S. Cottingham, G. Moore (Chairman), J. Puttick, and C. Triandafyllou.

57 **Other Members:** Mr. S. Cross, Mr. K. Hinton and Ms J Walters.

58 **Officers Present:** Mr. D. Saxby.

59 **Also Present:** Councillor F. Berry. M T Hayes and Mr L. Goodley from Troy Navigus.

60 **Apologies For Absence:** Councillors Mrs. M. Laxton, P. Soane and Ms V. Browne and Mrs. H. Deehan.

61 **Declarations of Interest:** None

62 **Minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on 14th July 2016**

RESOLVED to note and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on 14th July 2016.

63 **Progress Against Plan**

The Chairman stated that the Committee was on target for where it should be in the timetable.

Wealden District Council had employed the use of a transport consultant so there was no need for this Committee to discuss transport issues.

64 **Financial Statement**

RESOLVED to note the financial statement as circulated with the agenda and as an Appendix to these minutes.

Survey Data

65.1 The Committee noted the results of the public consultation exercise which were

now online. Any comments on the data should be sent to the Town Clerk.

65.2 **RESOLVED** that:

- a) the data from the public consultation exercise are noted,
- b) the Committee Chairman and the Town Clerk would produce a press release with some highlights from the public consultation exercise, and
- c) payment is made for the use of Survey Monkey for a further month.

Sub-groups

66.1 Retail

Copies of Councillor Mrs Laxton's written report on retail were circulated.

66.2 Architecture

The Chairman stated that the Architecture Sub-group had not yet met.

66.3 Historical

Councillor Coltman said that the Historical Hailsham sub-group met. Five people would be co-opted.

There were 82 Grade 2 listed buildings in Hailsham, 20 of which were in the town centre.

Mr Hayes from the consultants, Troy Navigus said he would map all listed buildings in the parish and would look at all special character areas.

66.4 Environment

Mr Cross said that his sub-group had invited to various agencies and groups to participate but none had wanted to do so.

Research had been undertaken and the Wealden Local Plan offered no ideas on green infrastructure improvements.

Ms Walters said she would provide details of an energy co-operative that was operating in Lewes.

66.5 Business and Employment

Councillor Triandafyllou said he had contacted with the Chamber of Commerce and would be meeting with 30 local businesses next week.

Mr Hayes said he would help with producing a questionnaire for the Companies to complete.

Councillor Mrs Collinson-O'Toole said she would be willing to join the Business and Development Sub-Group.

66.6 Communities

Councillor N. Collinson said this group had met on 17th August. Eight people had attended and there was a free-ranging discussion. A copy of the note of that meeting would be circulated to all members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

66.7 Housing

It was agreed to combine this sub-group with the sub-group looking at design.

Mr Hayes said that Wealden District Council held a list of requests for self-build housing. The Neighbourhood Plan could look at potential site allocations.

66.8 Mr Hayes said it was helpful to find out what the various sub-groups are looking at. The individual reports would need to be fed into one overall document. He suggested that each sub-group list their top five issues.

Mr Hayes said that the Committee and sub-groups should work to engaging in another consultation exercise in October/November 2016. An update on work done so far should be made available to the public. He would suggest what form the next consultation exercise should take.

66.9 **RESOLVED** to note the reports of the sub-groups to date.

Gladman Developments Limited

67.1 Members were asked to consider the letter from Gladman Developments Ltd to Wealden District about involvement in the Area Designation Consultation exercise.

67.2 **RESOLVED** to note the letter fro Gladman Developments Ltd to Wealden District Council dated 7th June 2016.

68 **Grant Application for NHP**

The Chairman said that the application fro the grant for £19,000 had been submitted. When a reply is received all members of the Neighbourhood Planning Sub-Committee would be informed.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.57pm.