

Notes on Neighbourhood plan – 5th September 2016

Apologies received from Alan Weber, Paddy Geoghan, Jan Allen, Jane Bromley and possibly Janet Balchin

Present:

Richard Cleaves

Henning von Spreckelsen

Alison Johnson

Julie Rashbrooke

Val Henry

Victoria Helstrip

Tim Hurley

Bob Arnold

Bruce Dean

Mike Turner as scribe

No declarations of interest were declared

Richard Cleaves proposed Henning von Spreckelsen be co-opted as a new member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and to be proposed at the forthcoming Parish Council meeting as the new Chairman of the Group– seconded by Val Henry and all were in favour.

RC then handed the meeting over to HVS

HVS said that the purpose of the meeting was to bring everyone up to date with progress and the process of how we are going to get the whole thing finished and identify any gaps that need filling.

Each person will have 10 minutes.

Mike will record questions that arise.

Circulate the questions and then wind up with the answers and solutions as soon as possible.

This Plan is here to protect the village and allow it to grow in a sustainable manner not to the detriment of the people already here but to enhance the place over time.

One important thing is that we have a set of criteria that any development has to meet – and if the development does not meet these criteria there has to be a very good reason for the development to go ahead.

This should make life easier for developers, objectors and Villagers as the criteria will have been voted on and agreed by all. It will also enable us to take Waverley to task if they ignore these things and try to ram something down our throat that does not meet the criteria. My intention is to make the Neighbour plan very short. Long as far as appendices and the work that has gone into it go but the summary part of it will be the criteria that the developers have to meet.

That should enable the rest of the village to understand it and be able to say yes or no. If we present them with “War and Peace” nobody will read it and everyone will be apathetic. If we present a few pages and explain that further information is available in the appendices it should be relatively easy to mobilise a full vote. The work remaining will be divided into two parts.

One is finishing the plan and the consultant will help us to put it into the terminology that the Planning people will understand at Waverley and for us to be incredibly clear about what we want.

The second one will commence when the Plan has been finished and approved – then we need to mobilise the vote. It would be a great shame if after all the work that has been done – we only had about thirty people who agreed with it. We want a landslide of an approval process so that it will be very easy for Richard or Val or anyone else to go back and say that we have had a huge democratic mandate for this Plan and that we do not expect anyone to go against it.

We are looking for well over 50% of the Village to be in agreement which is why we have to think this through very carefully and find ways of making this happen.

Bruce then gave his report on the businesses in the village.

The questions that arose:

How do we get responses from the no repliers to the survey?

How will more “affordable housing” affect businesses?

Bob Arnold gave his report on the School and Education.

What is the demographic effect on the school of older people downsizing and releasing property to younger families with children?

Tim Hurley gave his report on traffic and transport

More information was needed about the extra amount of traffic generated by increased housing in Horsham using the lanes to get to Dorking and Guildford – some for commuting. More information was needed on faster broadband possibilities for homeworkers, the sewage situation, electricity and telephone supply.

ACTION- Ask residents for evidence about the sewage situation and the overflow of surface water contributing to any problem.

Val Henry gave her report.

Short and sweet document needed for a public meeting and referendum showing the criteria to kill rumours and existing ill-feeling. Rule out some areas of the village for development?

Alison gave her report

Deliverability, Brownfield sites, density and review of settlement numbers were all still needed.

Victoria questions: does every village have a design statement? What exactly is the definition of old peoples housing?

The meeting concluded at 22.10