

## NOTES FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING

6pm on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
Sports Pavilion.

**Present:** Cllr C Armitage  
Cllr. B Horsfall  
Cllr C Jago  
Cllr M Thew  
Cllr C Wickens

**Members of the Public:** Mr J Lucas, Mr T Mayes, Mr A Thomas, Mr T Turk, Mr & Mrs L Willcox

### **An audio recording was made of this meeting**

(Notes were taken by Cllr M Thew as The Clerk was unable to attend)

**1. Election of Chairman .** Cllr Armitage agreed to stand as Chairman and was proposed and seconded. (It had been agreed by the full Council that the working group membership should be increased and that the group should become a Committee. A review of all the committee memberships will be carried out at the annual meeting of the council , and this group will be moving to its new format)

**2. Apologies for absence** There were no apologies for absence.

**3. Disclosure by Members of personal interest in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.** None

**4. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** Mr J Lucas asked whether this meeting was subject to Standing Orders as the composition of the group was changing. It was agreed that this meeting would include comments from members of the public where necessary and Standing Orders could be suspended for this purpose.

Mr T Turk made a verbal presentation to the group regarding Newick Hill. Copy attached.

**5. To review Terms of Reference for Working Group** The Terms of Reference were reviewed and amended and will be submitted to the full Council for approval. A question was raised regarding the handling of confidential or commercially sensitive items. Clarification will be sought to ensure meetings are conducted in line with Standing Orders when excluding members of the public.

### **6. To review Working Group's progress to date .**

Cllr Wickens mentioned that she had received an update from the Ecological Scientist that the location of parking on the SANG was proving difficult due to the main road. Options were still being reviewed.

### **7. Potential SANGS site**

7.1 To consider what further research is required regarding future ownership of land

It was suggested that a visit to Hook Parish Council in Hampshire would be valuable, to gain insight into their experience of actually running a SANG, which is a similar size to the Headway Site. Cllr Armitage will co-ordinate this visit. It was agreed to put together a list of questions to ask on the visit.

The options for future management of the SANG need to be reviewed. It is known that Thakeham Homes do not wish to take ownership, and the 3 remaining options need to be considered (ie. Lewes District Council; appointment of a Management Consultant; or Newick Parish Council) It was agreed to send a letter to Lewes in the first instance.

Research needs to be undertaken regarding other associated costs with running a SANG.ie Insurance, maintenance etc. More information on this may be forthcoming on from the visit to Hook.

7.2 To consider how a suitable name should be chosen for the site

Rootz had already researched some historical background, and it was agreed to ask the Parish to be involved in naming the SANG. Cllr Jago pointed out that there would be one road on the Newick Hill development, which would also need to be named. Cllrs Wickens and Armitage will finalise the draft letter and it would be published in the Parish Magazine (June issue) and also displayed on parish noticeboards.

**8. Lewes District Council Local Plan Part 1 – To consider Inspector's Report published March 2016**

([www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/plan\\_Inspectors\\_Final\\_Report\\_March\\_2016.pdf](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/plan_Inspectors_Final_Report_March_2016.pdf))

8.1 To look at what has already been decided and who will analyse the documents

Cllr. B Horsfall agreed to review these documents.

8.2 To consider whether any further action is required at this stage. Cllr. B Horsfall agreed to review the Inspector's comments. Cllr C Wickens mentioned that Part 2 of the Local Plan would actually allocate the sites for the 6900 units. It is understood that there is currently a shortfall of around 215 units in the District.

It was pointed out that the Telephone Exchange site included in the Neighbourhood Plan would probably start to apply for planning permission this summer. The land has already been cleared.

**9. Residential Development off Newick Hill – to consider technical drawings received showing proposed new footway, access, traffic calming and extension of 30 mph speed limit.** The group discussed the impact of these proposed changes to Newick Hill and agreed with the comments made by Mr Turk. A response must be returned by 29<sup>th</sup> April, and Cllr Armitage agreed to action this with Cllr Wickens, along the following lines - 'The surface of the footway between Cricketfield & the entrance to the new estate does not appear to be specified. This should really have a rural type of surface avoiding the use of urban-looking concrete slabs/ concrete kerbs and have a surfacing/kerbing treatment more appropriate to this country lane. There appear to be no plans to extend the above footway further down Newick Hill to connect with the existing Public Right of Way, which runs along the north side of the proposed development and exits onto Newick Hill. This would be a low cost addition, which would greatly enhance the general amenity of the area'. Cllr Thew agreed to review the approved plans online for this site.

**10. To agree any other relevant topics that need to be considered by the Working Group**

Concerns were discussed regarding Newick losing some of its key services, ie Post Office and other businesses, which could potentially downgrade its status as a Commercial Service Centre. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to find the documents that were produced when Newick was reviewed and to identify the criteria.

It was agreed that local residents should be encouraged to put their names on the housing lists if they had a need for affordable housing as the new developments will provide some additional capacity. The Parish Council has always endeavoured to provide the new affordable homes to satisfy local need.

**11. Date and time of next meeting** It was suggested that the new Committee should be incorporated into the new schedule of meetings of the Council on Tuesday evenings after Planning (last year the Playing Fields Committee had been incorporated into Environment Committee, so this would ensure regular dates are set) which is shortly to be produced for the next 12 months..

The meeting closed at 7.10pm