



Storrington, Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan



Steering Group Minutes The Chanctonbury Room, Parish Hall Thakeham Road, Storrington 6.30pm Tuesday 11th October 2016.

Minutes

Present: Storrington & Sullington Parish Councillors – Anna Worthington-Leese (Chairman of the Steering Group), Richard Jerman and Lisa Wheatley. Washington Parish Councillors - Patrick Heeley and Christine Beglan. Also present were Madeleine Shaw and Geoff Tute.

Also Present: Tracey Euesden, Clerk to Storrington & Sullington Parish Council

Members of the public present 2 members of the Public.

Also present Mr S Dudman and Mr A Aldridge –
representing Chantry Industrial Estate

The meeting opened at 18.30

Minutes: Tracey Euesden (Clerk to Storrington & Sullington Parish Council)

168. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Lesley Britt, Marcel Hoad and David Horwood.

169. To Receive and approve the minutes from the following meetings:

The minutes of the Steering Group Meeting on 28th June 2016 were agreed as being a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

170. Update on Meeting with Horsham District Council on 7th October 2016.

Mrs Worthington-Leese reported that she had attended this meeting along with Mrs Euesden and Cllrs. Heeley and Beglan. This meeting had been chaired by Derek Stebbing, an independent examiner and advisor who had been asked by HDC to read the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation document and supporting material and give his opinion whether it was likely to pass a second examination. Mr Stebbing had concluded that there was still further work required to strengthen the site assessment process and also questioned the validity of some of the Local Green Space allocations. He had recommended that HDC's Strategic Planning Department carry out further sustainability appraisals and technical studies of all of the sites submitted for development and those allocated as green spaces, and report the findings back to the Steering Group by mid-December. Mrs Beglan commented that one of the sites in question was already the subject of a planning application and Mr Heeley pointed out that with this and the approval of the Paula Rosa application, further delays could result in the Neighbourhood Plan being a historical document full of

Site allocations that had already been given permission for development. The group agreed that the process to produce this Plan had been significantly affected by the level of detail now apparently required as part of the examination process and it was noted that most Neighbourhood Planning groups would not have this level of expertise. Mrs Worthington-Leese suggested that this is why Mr Stebbing had recommended that the extra work be undertaken by HDC and she reported that it would be likely that as a result, a further regulation 14 public consultation would be necessary. Whilst the group had indicated its reluctance to subject the public to yet another consultation, it was noted that in Mr Stebbing's view, this would result in a 90% chance of a successful examination. In these circumstances Mr Heeley proposed, seconded Mr Jerman.

That Horsham District Council's Strategic Planning Department should carry out further appraisals of the site assessment process and the Local Green Spaces allocations as soon as possible. Subject to the findings, another regulation 14 consultation would be undertaken.

171. To review and consider responses to submissions made during the Public Consultation & to authorise changes to the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents.

In light of the above recommendations from Mr Stebbing, it was suggested that this matter be deferred until the work was undertaken by HDC so that the need for further consultation be established.

Mrs Euesden highlighted one piece of feedback from the consultation received from the South Downs National Park Authority suggesting the final Plan should include a paragraph relating to the protection of views from and to the SDNP and the Group agreed that this would be considered.

172. Next Steps and any other business.

Mr Dudman enquired whether any extra information regarding his plans for the Chantry Industrial Estate might assist with HDC's assessment of this particular site. Mrs Worthington-Leese indicated that she had provided some local knowledge regarding a footpath directly opposite the site leading to the village but any additional material may also be useful.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Signed.
Chairman