

Notes of meeting of Lindfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (LNPSG) held at King Edward Hall, Lindfield on 24 April 2013 at 8.00pm

Present:

Members of LNPSG – Alan Gomme (Chairman), Will Blunden (WB), Ray Jones (RJ), Ron Plass (RP), John Dumbleton.

LRPC Clerk Di Morgan (DM)

1 representative of landowners and developers

1. Chairman's welcome

Alan Gomme opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed those present.

2. Apologies: Andy Spooner, Simon Hodgson

3. Declarations of interest: None

4. Notes of meeting held on 21 March 2013

The notes of the meeting held on 21 March were noted and approved.

5. Updates on work of focus groups

Traffic – RP reported that the evidence gathering was finished and the report would be finalised when other members of the group returned from holiday.

Housing – JD reported that there still a few elements that remained 'commercial – in confidence'. Commitment from individuals would be received by mid May and the results forwarded to AirS

Landscape – RJ reported that the group were finalising their report. WB mentioned the Balcombe PC report on fracking which it was agreed should be passed to the focus group for information.
<http://balcombeparishcouncil.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/the-fracking-report.pdf>

Community – AG confirmed that Val Upton had prepared a report on the findings of the group.

6. Reports and feedback on the two pop-in sessions

Focus groups had displayed information at the two sessions held on 20 April at Scaynes Hill (SH) and 23 April in Lindfield. Both days had been busy with 101 visitors at SH and 77 at Lindfield which was considered a superb response. It was reported that all attending were supportive and put forward some good ideas. 14 feedback sheets were returned at SH and 20 at Lindfield. Residents endorsed the findings of the Traffic group relating to cycle paths and a bus service between SH and Lindfield.

7. Housing Needs Survey progress report

AS had met with Emma Shuttleworth and Claire Tester (MSDC) to finalise questions with Tom Warder (AirS). MSDC had agreed to pay 50% of the cost of the survey - £4,200, the remainder

being split on the usual 1/3 LRPC 2/3 LPC basis. Survey forms would be sent out on 1 May with a return date deadline of 15 May. All the forms would be returned to AirS to maintain confidentiality and a report would be produced.

8. Progress report on the State of the Parishes Report being prepared by AirS

AG had met with Faustina Bayou and Tom Warder (AirS) and everything was on schedule for the presentation of the report at the open meeting on 15 May. RJ gave his apologies for that meeting.

AG also referred to other events planned. Lindfield Arts Festival – Saturday pm only – emphasis on the importance of residents returning their Housing Needs survey forms. Lindfield Village Day – emphasis on the production of the State of the Parishes Report.

It was agreed that a simple flyer should be produced to hand out to members of the public – this would contain information on the timetable and highlight the difference between the Neighbourhood Plan and previous Village Design statements etc. and therefore its long-term significance to residents. It was also agreed that the stand would need to be attractive – particularly to families and therefore that some activity be considered to gain the attention of children. The following practical arrangements were arranged and allocated:

WB – arrange for LPC gazebo to be used and some sort of banner / screen / flag with logo.

RP – investigate supply of balloons – printed with logo if time

JD – obtain large map or image to which youngsters could add comment / drawing about 'What I like about my Village'

WB - provide electric pump for balloons

AG - flyer

9. Planning workshop on 29 May

Some additional stakeholders had been added to the circulated list. AG asked for any others to be submitted to him by e-mail by Friday 26 April. An invitation letter and FAQ sheet supplied by Faustina would be sent to those nominated.

10. Any Other Business

The contents of the letter from Gary Marsh to Parish Councillors were noted. This referred to the recent application at Pease Pottage which was allowed by the Planning Inspector without giving due weight to the contents of the Slaugham NP.

DM provided information from the My Community Rights website regarding Neighbourhood Planning grants. Minimal information was supplied but it was agreed that the application process should be investigated when forms become available on 1 May.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is at the King Edward Hall, Lindfield on 15 May at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm