

Notes of PPC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held in the Village Hall

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15 December 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Nick Beaumont (Joint Acting Chair and chair for the meeting), Tony Hutson, Denise Miller, Chris Burgon (Secretary), Catherine Jackson (Joint Acting Chair), Catherine Dampney, Simon Farmer, Simon Ward, Paul Stevens, Estelle Maisonnial (LDC)

Apologies: Reg Stone

Members of the Public: 4

1. Declaration of interests. None

2. Questions from the Public.

- A member of the public asked what the reference in the minutes to the racecourse having had “agreement in principle from ESCC” to the revised plan for exit from the north end of the site meant. Canan Clatworthy representing the agents for the racecourse outlined the revised access arrangements
- A question was asked about whether a development on the racecourse site would negatively affect Rodney Hills’s Driving School business. Canan Clatworthy explained that the plans would not affect the business and that the Chief Executive of the racecourse would be meeting with Mr Hills to clarify this. **Action: CJ to arrange for all available and up-to-date plans for the proposed sites, including the latest race course site plan to be added to the website**

3. Minutes and Matters Arising of the meeting held on the 23rd November 2016.

- The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair

4. Implications of the Newick Neighbourhood Plan Decision by the Secretary of State.

- The S of S has upheld the decision of the Inspector to grant planning permission for a site which was not included in the Newick Neighbourhood Plan. Planning permission had originally been refused by Lewes District Council. This decision would appear to mean that Neighbourhood Plans can only provide guidance to District Councils and will not necessarily prevent further development on other sites during the life of the plan.
- The steering group agreed that work should continue on the Plumpton Plan reviewing all the assessments to ensure they are accurate and supported by clear evidence. If the outcome of these reviews significantly changes which sites are put forward in the plan it may be necessary to carry out a further Reg 14 consultation

5. Meeting on 7th December with ESCC and LDC re south of railway sites

- CJ reported that the meeting had clarified that the primary concern of ESCC and LDC is pedestrian access to the village from both sites across the level crossing. Agents for both sites now urgently need to provide a solution to the access if they are to remain in the plan.

6. Report on further detailed layout plans for the two northern sites.

- CJ has requested and is waiting for a footprint plan of where the housing will be positioned on the site north of the police house (policy 2.3) and is requesting similar from the south of Inholmes Farm (policy 2.2) as the plans originally submitted show a different lay-out to the proposal in the draft plan. **Action: CJ will arrange for the lay-out plans to be added to the website as soon as received.**

7. Report on the review of site assessment scoring.

- The review is continuing.

8. Consultation Statement.

- Faustina Bayo has confirmed that AiRS will be drafting the Basic Conditions Statement. CJ will be drafting non-technical summary for the Sustainability Appraisal. **Action: EM will send copies of both the above from other NPs to the steering group.**

9. AOB.

- Traffic Survey. It was agreed that a new survey would provide evidence for selection of sites. **Action: SW will obtain an estimate of costs.**
- Budget for 2017/18. Additional funding is likely to be required to continue the plan. **Action: NB to include a sum in the Parish Council budget preparations.**