

Minutes of meeting of Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Thursday 2nd May 2019 @ 7pm in the Priory Room

Present at Meeting: Alan Twite; Eddie Dougall; Alison Martin; Jimmy Bailey; Sally Johnston; Gordon Murray; John Blakeway, Kathryn Blakeway; Kevin Boardley (part); Phil Newby; Trevor Roberts (part); Derek Srageant; Tracey Gorzelak; Ian Campbell (part)

Apologies: Maggie Barber; Richard Belson

Sports & Leisure – update

Ian Campbell presented progress made so far. A survey is about to be run for Sports Club members initially and will then be widened out to whole village with any tweaks that are needed. A main plank is better access path from the village to the Sports Club.

Flooding – update

Derek Sergeant presented his work on flood risks. Derek submitted an FOI request to obtain information. Long and short so far is that Broad Meadow and Wattisfield Road developments are not in the designated flood zone. The main flood risk according to the Environment Agency equates to the water course corridor running through where there is little scope for development in any case. We have the map. All that is needed now is a two-page summary – the words to go with the map.

Housing – update

Alison presented her work so far plotting development in the village up to 1974 which was comprised mainly of local authority or ‘social housing’ and very much about the provision of relatively small amounts of housing as needs arose in the village. There is quite a bit of overlap here with the history and heritage strands of the plan. Alison has kindly offered to continue to work on housing development from 1974 to date.

These presentations were really positive and useful in stimulating a lot of productive discussion broadly around the main thrust of the plan which is to identify potential acceptable sites (preferred and reserved) for development so that realistic numbers can be ascertained and the plan can start to address the Local Authority’s need for continuous housing land supply which will lead onto considerations of design, materials, environmental concerns, the impact on infrastructure and facilities and how these support a community. The identified sites will form the core of a plan to control how development proceeds in the future for Walsham. The plan has to demonstrate a three year land supply for this purpose. But the point is, we decide where, how many, what type etc rather than having this decided for us by the Local Authority.

Jimmy agreed to come up with some potential sites for consideration at the next meeting on **6th June** to kickstart more discussion around this core task, so we can start to get these plotted on a map.

With the help history group resources, **John and Kathryn** plan to have an outline of the historical development of the village ‘in a nutshell’ (max two pages) for the meeting on **11th July**. Hopefully with some maps to follow. Alison will hopefully give an update on Housing at this meeting.

Tracey Gorzelak will seek help from **John Martineau** to work on Green Issues and plans to have something for the meeting on **8th August**.

Kevin to get the badge designs and names of winners up on the website.

Meeting Closed 8:40 - NEXT MEETING 6th June 7pm Priory Room