

Hardwicke Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Development Steering Group

Minutes of Meeting held on November 17th 2014

Present:

Kevin Marsden (Chair)

Ian Widdows

Dianne Green

Theresa Harrison

Kevin Lee (clerk to parish council)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Jill, Brearley, Graham Brearley, Fran Welbourne and Lyn Welbourne.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on September 17th were agreed

3. Discussions with Hunter Page Partnership and GRCC

Economic Survey

KL reported that HPP were concerned that there was insufficient data from local businesses and a further survey would be required. HPP had agreed to prepare a survey. KL informed the Steering Group that the arrangements had been made with GRCC for them to compile the data base and to send out the questionnaires to all businesses in the Hardwicke Area. It was planned that the survey would be sent out during the last week of November to allow HPP to follow up responses to begin analysis before the end of December.

Housing Needs Assessment

Agreement had been reached with GRCC and the Parish Council to conduct a village wide assessment of housing need. The survey would be conducted by GRCC and would be distributed with Hardwicke Matters during January 2015. The survey, in addition to providing evidence of overall housing need would also look at demands for locally provided affordable housing.

GRCC would be analysing the data with input from HPP to inform key elements of the NDP in respect of overall numbers and type of housing need.

KM informed the group that HPP would be attending the next meeting of the Steering Group on December 10th 2014. This would be a joint meeting with the Parish Council. The aim of the meeting would be to review progress, identify future strategies and timelines and importantly to confirm the adoption of the key draft policies. The View from HPP was that there should be a target date of April 2015 for a draft Neighbourhood Plan

4. Documents and Evidence

With a target date of April 2015 KM advised the group that a number of documents would need to be completed over the coming weeks. It was vital for theme leads to complete their analysis as far as possible and to provide a summary of draft proposals.

5. Mapping of 'built up area' and protected rural spaces

KM referred to the maps previously circulated which identified areas that could be supported for development and those which should be retained to ensure the maintenance of the rural character and village feel for Hardwicke.

It was noted that the Hunts Grove development currently has planning permission for 1750 homes with a further allocation of 500 being proposed in the Stroud Local Plan for the period up to 2031. KM reminded the group that analysis of future housing need for Hardwicke, up to 2031 was in the region of 230. This need could be accommodated within the additional 500 outlined within the proposed Stroud Local Plan.

Members of the group discussed establishing possible boundaries which would clearly support future development. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that development should be contained within the area of Hunts Grove. This would allow for sustainable developments.

Meeting Closed at 21.15