



**ONWARDPLAN**  
**MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 2014**  
**AT 7.00 PM**  
**IN THE PARISH ROOMS, ODIHAM**

**PRESENT:**

Philip James, Jeremy Fellows, David Ellis, Helen Fleming, Richard Cooper, Nicholas Frome, Pam Verdon, Steve Blandford, Alison Tizard, James Harvey, Rita Pennington, Guy Holmes-Henderson, Jim Head, Neil Homer (rCOH)

**APOLOGIES:**

Gill Warsop, Russ Haines

**1. Previous Minutes**

The Minutes from 25th November were approved with slight amendments made to the report from OPC. Pam will put them in Dropbox.

**2. Update from OPC**

Hart District Council has refused permission for the King Street application. The minutes taken at the Deer Park meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November are not to be published on the Parish website but would be available if there was a Freedom of Information request. Bell Cornwell will send some information to the Parish Council, Odiham Society and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

A consultation is due to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January concerning the development of 40 houses on the site adjacent to Archery Fields. The Parish Council is working on a planning application for a teenage recreation area at the bottom end of the Hatchwood Farm development. There is a meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> December with the Parish Councils of Greywell and South Warnborough to discuss housing numbers.

A meeting was held with Daryl Phillips at Hart District Council regarding the following:

Housing numbers of 150 – 200: The reason for the number was that an “Odiham Conservation Area Assessment of Setting” was carried out for Hart District Council and the result was that there were very few places to develop without altering the historic structure of the Parish.

Final numbers might be affected by the result of a planning inquiry into development at Hook in May and whether Hart District Council has to take extra housing numbers from

neighbouring districts affected by the SPA who are unable to meet their own targets (Surrey Heath and Rushmoor).

Daryl advised that development should not take place on only part of an available site as it is likely that the owners could force development of the whole site.

Neil Homer confirmed that part development should try to be avoided unless there were definite constraints such as access, planning policy, or conservation issues. He said that where there was a Neighbourhood Plan in place Councils were winning their planning appeals against further development. The higher number of houses we allocate towards the 200 target the less risk of it being overturned, and vice versa.

The next meeting with Hart is on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### **3. Options for Housing Development**

Philip presented a first version of a draft Neighbourhood Plan incorporating the Housing Strategy. This is to be used as material we can all talk about to inform the community at the launch events and lays out strategy but does not detail any sites. There are 3 options or approaches to meet our strategy principles. It was noted that it might be helpful to tabulate the pros and cons of each approach. One member of the Steering Group asked that the housing task group reconsider a particular site.

Neil Homer suggested that it would be a good idea if, following the engagement events in January and once we were clear on our options/approaches, we asked selected developers relevant to particular approaches to present their own case to the public so that the community can find out what is being offered and so make informed choices of the way forward.

### **4. Engagement**

Alison reported that the first e mail has been sent out to the members of the public who had asked to be kept informed. 54.7% had been opened (104) and 53 have clicked through to the website. Another e mail will go out by the end of the week telling them about the launch dates in January.

Alison is preparing posters and the remaining flyers will be distributed by members of the steering group to hard to reach residents.

She asked that each of the Task Forces prepare the background key facts and set 4 to 6 key open questions which the public can respond to with post its. Please ensure that these are sent to her by **31<sup>st</sup> December** so that she can prepare all the material for the displays.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015** at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms