

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting April 23rd 2015

Present:

Jack Cranfield, Mark Evans, Katherine Matthews, Ken Jordan, Dennis Matthews, Don Cranfield.

1. Minutes of the last meeting on 12/3/2015 were agreed.

2. *News from Lewes District Council*

Agreement to go ahead and J Garside of Lewes District Council said he would be happy to come along to a meeting.

Matters Arising- Ken Jordan has looked at party manifestos and will put info in email, the basic points are set out below. **KJ**

Conservatives – right to build.

- Intro new green space planning delegation – councils and Neighbourhood Plans to give added protection to local green spaces.
- Only partly to mention Neighbourhood Plans
- Will require Authority to have register of suitable brownfield sites and will require 90% to have planning permissions by 2020.

Labour – introduce use it or lose it powers.

Liberal Democrats – authorities have to produce 15 year plan for housing need.

- Introduce a Community right to appeal
- Not allow developers a right to appeal if development is against local plan.
- Introduce concept of landscape scale planning – footpaths, cycle paths
- Prioritise brownfield sites.

3. *St George's Day Fete*

Will be from 12 – 4.30pm, a table will available from Chailey Free Church. **DM**

Don Cranfield, Jack Cranfield, Dennis Matthews will set up and Katherine Matthews will attend the tent for the first part of the fete with Mark Evans and Ken Jordan coming later in the afternoon.

4. *St George's Day publicity leaflet.*

Jack Cranfield has produced a leaflet and a slight change to the leaflet was agreed to state a minimum of 40 houses. Jack will print off the amended leaflet. **JC**

ME said it needs to mention the length of time things take.

A list of people who had already expressed an interest will be brought along to the fete. **DC**

Paper copies of Newick's Plan will be there for reference as well. **KM**

5. *Grant from Lewes District Council*

DC has looked at 'locality' website through RTPI. Don will put the information into an e mail. **DC**

Have to put expression of interest in first.

£8,000 max is possible, a min £1000.

South Chailey scores 4

North Chailey scores 8

He also raised the possibility of engagement events especially with South Chailey.

It was agreed for DC to be the main contact for the grant, he will contact J Garside about funding and coming along to the next meeting. **DC**

DC will also contact Cathy Wickens from Newick about coming to the next meeting in late May early

June.

6. *Housing Needs Survey*

There was surprise at the average wage

ME had found surveys from 2009. **JC** will sift through and pass on to the group.

Appendix 3 was discussed and it was agreed that there was a need for 1 & 2 bedroom houses. DC commented on the additional statement from Sharon Davy but it does not say where she sourced the info from.

State of the Parish – **DC** will forward this on.

DC said there is also a need to look at the commercial side of Chailey, not just at housing.

7. *Task Group Membership*

It was agreed to wait and see what will happen on Saturday, as this will be one more chance to encourage people join the group.

8. *Any other business*

KM will forward on a starter home design leaflet.

DM said there are 3 or 4 sites we can look at to see how they work. He mentioned Swan Close but said houses were very tight.

ME – invitation to opening of Hastow housing Association development in Plumpton on May 15th 2015, there are 2 vacancies.

KJ suggested inviting the new Parish Clerk to the next meeting. **KM** suggested we could forward an invitation with the Minutes.

It was agreed to meet after the St George's Day Fete – re feedback etc if required.

9. *Date of the next meeting.*

May meeting date to be confirmed by email