

## Minutes of Working Group Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

1. **Present:** Richard Todd, Gary Dunning, Sally-Jane Fell, Betti Tyson, Terry Wolf. In attendance: Christine Cookman
2. **Apologies :** Paul Jackson, Rachel Marshall, Kathryn Wallis, Val Burnham, Roger Teare  
nb Terry had asked those unable to attend for any views on Items 6d & 6e. A response was received from Rachel in time for the meeting which was fed into the discussion.
3. **Declaration of interests:** Gary re Item 6d
4. **Minutes of last meeting :** Accepted as a correct record.
5. **Matters arising**
  - Input remaining comments from the feedback forms – Richard gave Terry the forms and she will add in the few remaining comments.
  - Two meetings have been held with HDC planners – discussed under Item 6
  - Draft forward to plan – discussed under Item 6a
  - Send David the date of submission for the NP area and when it was approved – Christine to try to find this out
6. **Draft plan:**

**6.a Draft forward:** Terry suggested a few changes – Christine and Sally-Jane (who is now Chair of the PC) were happy for her to amend as needed and re-circulate

**Action:** Terry to re-draft and send out to Working Group and Ruralis before 11/09/15.

**6.b Review of draft vision and objectives:** Broadly speaking people were in agreement with the changes Ruralis had made to the vision previously drawn up by the Working Group. However people did not feel that the sentence: *We want to improve mobile reception in the parish and protect Hubby's open spaces* was really 'visionary' enough and that the specifics fit better into the objectives, rather than the vision statement. It was felt that we were looking for something more about access - to communication (including mobile coverage), public transport etc. which are vital to a vibrant village, but were unable to agree the right wording for this. Protecting open space should be covered by reference to the character of the village and the range of recreational facilities. Both are covered in the objectives.

**Action:** Terry to ask Ruralis to re-phrase this section.

**6.c Non-designated assets:** David had asked for volunteers to work with him on identifying appropriate non-designated assets to include in the draft plan. Gary volunteered to help with this, alongside Fredda Evers whose details have already been sent to David. It was suggested that Terry ask John Philips if he would also support this activity [TSW note – he is away for the next few weeks so unable to help at the moment].

**Action:** Terry to notify David of Gary's email details.

**6.d Site allocation :** Terry outlined the options as discussed at previous meetings – eg either to recommend a single site for 18 houses or recommend support for several smaller sites. The group agreed to support recommending several smaller sites as these are more likely to meet local need over the life of the plan and to blend more seamlessly with existing housing.

**Action:** Terry to let David know of the decision to support several smaller sites rather than a single larger site.

**6.e. Community facilities:** Christine fed back from the meeting she and Richard had with Mick Jewitt, head of planning at HDC. He is keen to support Huby in finding a solution to the improved facilities issue. They discussed the possibility of building a new combined hall on the site of the current sports club building, albeit on a much smaller scale to that proposed in the recent planning application (e.,g either on the existing footprint or very little larger). The access issues are still a problem, with highways particularly concerned about pedestrians mixing with cars along Robin Lane, and the lack of suitable passing places there. However, given the reduced scope of the proposed facility, and the potential for improved pedestrian access at least along existing (or slightly amended) footpaths running from Main Street to the north end of the sports field, this may not be insurmountable. Another specialist report is likely to be required if this option is put forward in the neighbourhood plan.

Terry also fed back from the meeting she and David Gluck held with Clare-Louise Booth and Sue Walter-Thompson from HDC planning department. This was more of an introductory meeting in with the planners outlined the issues they have been facing in recent months and David updated them on progress of the Huby NP. They too were very supportive of trying to find ways forward, both on new housing and community facilities.

The need to find a compromise was discussed, as was the desire to suggest a solution, with some 'meat' on it for the community to vote yes or no on at the Draft Plan consultation stage. No one solution will please everyone, but the evidence the NP has collected suggests that the overwhelming desire is for improved facilities, but without excessive development that impinges on the rural nature of the village.

Following a good discussion it was agreed to see if it is realistic to recommend a single hall on the sports field site with two conditions: it is on an appropriate scale –

eg built on the current footprint or very little larger and that it is owned by the community, probably via a Community Benefit Society, like the village shop, with everyone in the community able to buy shares and elect the committee annually. Richard has access to the New Hall Group's evidence in support of the previous planning application, including the Highway's Report. Should we need a new Highways Consultant to re-look at it, in light of the amended scale, then the Parish Council would probably have to fund this or fundraising undertaken.

**Action:**

- Terry to feedback this decision to David and ask for his advice on whether it makes sense to include it in the draft plan when the access issue is still unresolved.
- Richard to seek ball park quotes from one or two highways consultants for carrying this study

7. **Any other business** : none

8. **Date of next meeting:** Terry to ask David if either the 6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of October work for him to join us for the next meeting. The agreed date will be circulated as quickly as possible.