

Hunsdon Area Neighbourhood Plan (HANP)

Meeting of 12th March 2020 – 7.00pm in Hunsdon Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Bob Toll, Carole Page, Mike Newman, Bud Carthy, Jackie Carthy, Frank O'Shea, Pauline Fitch, Malcolm Slater, and Jed Griffiths and Jacqueline Veater

1. Appoint an HANP Chair – Bob Toll

Bob Toll (BT) shared the good news that Frank O'Shea (FO'S) has agreed to become the Chair for HANP. One condition to Frank taking this position is that he wants to have direct contact with GovResources. BT asked Jacqueline Veater (JV) and Jed Griffiths (JG), all agreed to this condition. The clerk to be cc'd into everything. Appointment agreed

2. Overview and Direction – Frank O'Shea

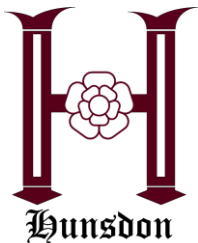
FO'S said he is currently working on the GANP and has learned a lot from that about with Neighbourhood Planning. He went on to express the concern about lack of progress with the draft policies which this group had attempted to draft and submitted to the consultants towards the end of last year. The group have been puzzled and felt they were not getting the direction and guidance they needed, apart from the draft housing policy which was now almost complete, thanks to JG.

JV admitted that the group had been neglected recently but they would put that right now.

FO'S said other parishes have to develop full, lengthy policies because they have housing allocation sites, but people in this parish, with limited exceptions do not want housing, except for infill and brown field sites. The question to ask is "why do we need a big plan, can't we have a simpler plan of say 25 pages, rather than 100 pages. JV thought that with good pictures it might work out at about 50 pages but will keep it compact.

JV / JG will take what we have drafted and put them into shape inside a Draft Plan. JV will ask for further information as she needs it from us. JG will polish up the final draft of the Housing policy re unfinished building at Crane's Yard, add what he has on Briggens House and Hunsdon Mead where appropriate.

Discussion about the Action Plan which JV advises we include as it is in effect a locally approved "wish list" of things which the Parish would like to have for the Parish as and when money became available from, e.g S106 money from Gilston Development or grants bodies to whom residents might apply. **FOS to review what is in the draft JV will prepare first and add as items after further discussion.**



3. Finance – Carole Page

Confirmed there is about £2500 from the original grant for this year of £4,650. FO'S raised concern that we would have to pay the balance back, which would leave us with a gap, which the PC would have to fill, until we reclaimed back the balance from this year . JV said we may be able to roll this over due to CV19 delays **FO'S will ask if we can roll it over.**

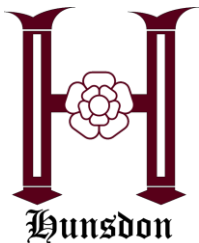
4. Our next steps – Jacqueline Veater / Jed Griffiths

BT reported that Paul Dixon (PD) objects to the reference in the Environment policy to 'Bonningtons Lake and Bury Plantation' but they are already identified as Local Wildlife Sites and the plan does not seek to change their status. **BT to add a column to the Environment table to reflect that what is in private ownership.**

To avoid intervention from EHDC the draft NP has to be **submitted** by the end of March 2021. That is quite achievable as it comes after the first round of consultation and review of responses from the residents and statutory consultees under Reg 14 . An emerging plan has some weight after Reg 14.

The full sequence of steps is:

- Complete the first draft of the Plan
- Give it to EHDC for vetting of legal requirements .
- We open it to 6 weeks consultation to residents- send each household a "thin" brochure summarising its main points with a response form-ditto on Website and Face book- and where to see the full draft etc- don't need another public exhibition but maybe a couple of low key drop-in sessions.
- Revise Draft NP in light of responses and prepare a proper Log of them all and action taken.
- Submit it to EHDC with supporting Log and other Documents including a statement of engagement with community.
- EHDC then has to arrange another 6 week consultation of residents and consultees inviting comments .
- Subject to responses to that, final amendments to draft by Group and EHDC arranges Examination by Inspector-probably desktop not hearing in Public- Inspectors usually suggest modifications before approval
- EHDC arranges referendum of residents – "we get the vote out "
- If passed its done!



5. Actions and Timetable

5.1 We can develop a 'gap policy to show green spaces and may need some input on Ecology - F'OS to have JV explain further (MN since has found someone who might help)

5.2 FOS suggests we share the draft plan with Stuart Miles (consultant representative for Hunsdon House) JV, JG agreed we can do that and get his input on Hunsdon House . FOS to contact Stuart when next draft ready

5.3 Village 7 application from Stuart Miles, J V can look at the documents he submitted as they contain some very valuable and relevant detail and information.

5.4 More photos would be welcome said JV- MS to send good ones to CP to upload to Dropbox for JV to use AND anyone else to contribute please-BT has some of Views he wants to add,
MS to ask the Microlight members to take a new aerial photo.

5.5 Wildlife Trust rely on 'recorders', people who have an interest in local flora and fauna. Do we have a Wildlife report in drop box? [F'OS has sent to JV since meeting]

5.6 Carole Page - Put the Housing needs survey in drop box.

5.7 JG / JV to complete the Draft of Plan by 24th April for Group's consideration.

5.8 Next Meeting scheduled for 30th April, 7pm in the meeting room at the VH-CP to book please.