

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
WORKING GROUP
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA "MICROSOFT TEAMS" ON
WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2021 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Wayne Smith (Chairman, St Nicholas Hurst PC), Lou Robinson, John Edwards, Duncan Kendall, Brian Thomas, Penny Curry and Mac Stephenson.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

0133 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

0134 Prejudicial Interests

There were no prejudicial interests to declare.

0135 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th January 2021 were approved.

0136 Update on the Local Plan

The Chairman reported that Grazeley New Town has now been dismissed and master planning will continue through March to May. Local elections will be held in May 2021 and the outcome of these may have further implications.

0137 Update from Group

The following points were noted:

- Work on various reports continues and LR/JE are bringing these together;
- Whistley Mill Country Park is privately owned and, therefore, the Borough/Parish has no say in how the site is run;
- JE has written to Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) regarding areas of character of special interest. A response is awaited; and

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- LR updated the group regarding an area of land off Foxley Lane where Bracknell Forest Borough Council failed to achieve planning permission. Although designated as a Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG) it is believed, following discussions with WBC, that the area could be included in the area known as Billingbear and, therefore, be designated as a Proposed Value Landscape Area (PVLA). This will form part of the Working Group's Biodiversity report which is currently being worked upon.

0138 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that a Parishoner had raised the following query regarding the household questionnaire:

"I would be interested in the number of responses where these are not provided. e.g. Under Section 2, there are lists of areas highlighted, however no data is provided of how many of the responses mentioned the areas listed? (This information is provided in certain parts of the Survey Results, but not others). Also, I would like to view the details of written commentary provided. For example Section 4 - Local Community Assets. The survey results refer to the 6 most mentioned assets, however no information is provided whether people think they should be nominated, or they should not! On reviewing the questionnaire response that I submitted, I included a number of questions and commentary, which I would like to understand how it is reflected in the Survey Results."

The Group discussed the concerns raised above and concluded that the written responses that were included in the Hurst Neighbourhood Plan household questionnaire were a small fraction of the comments and suggestions gathered from the wider community consultation exercises.

The Working Group is currently analysing this feedback and it will be the subject of a forthcoming report. In total there were almost 300 responses collected at the Hurst Show, Hurst Horticultural Show and workshops held in Davis Street, Hurst Village Hall, Ashridge and Hurst Preschool. Once this is done, the comments will be set alongside those from the questionnaire.

The Group have worked on the assumption so far that the high level results were communicated at an open event last February (using the presentation which Bell Cornwell produced) and that the specific comments of the survey remain confidential. On the grounds that Parishoners completed the survey anonymously the Group concluded that they thought Parishoners had a right to assume their comments were not for sharing around.

With respect to Local Community Assts the Group agreed that it can be concluded that if someone has mentioned one, it can be concluded that they want it to be nominated. This would be further checked with Bell Cornwell.

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0132 **Timeline going forward & keys tasks to be achieved before next meeting**

Ahead of the next meeting, to be confirmed, the following tasks to be completed:

Resolved:

- LR to produce the draft Biodiversity and Landscape reports for consideration; and
- The Clerk to liaise with Bell Cornwell in respect of the query raised by a Parishoner. A full response to then be provided to the Parishoner.

The meeting ended at 9pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

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