

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
WORKING GROUP
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST
ON THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2018 at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Wayne Smith (Chairman, St Nicholas
Hurst PC).

Howard Larkin, Lou Robinson, Brian Thomas,
Duncan Kendall and Mac Stephenson.

APOLOGIES: John Edwards, Ruth Graesser, Gemma Moore and
Penny Curry.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

0061 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from John Edwards, Ruth Graesser,
Gemma Moore and Penny Curry.

0062 **Prejudicial Interests**

There were none to declare.

0063 **Matters arising from previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the 17th October 2018 were agreed and signed by
the Chairman. The following matters were noted:

- LR reported that following the success of the consultation with the Pre-School children GM is keen to undertake a similar consultation with the Primary School children.

RESOLVED: GM to explore the possibility of a consultation with the children from
St Nicholas Hurst CE Primary.

0064 **Progress updates from the Working Group**

LR updated with regards to Group 1 and 4 which she is leading on. The following
updates were noted:

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- Gypsy and Traveller report - LR has now received a reply from Ian Bellinger at Wokingham Borough Council (WBC). He has said he welcomes the Groups thoughts on the sustainability of the current traveller site and any other potential sites which may be identifiable. It was noted that Hurst already has 46% of WBC's allocation. However, it is important that the questionnaire incorporates a question asking if the Parish can take any more sites or indeed increase the size of the existing site at Carters Hill;
- Heritage report – LR/JE have finished this report. What has become obvious is that the area denoted by Little Hill Road/Dunt Lane and Green Lane contains six, Grade II, listed properties. This therefore invites the question – why is this not a designated conservation area?
- Biodiversity and TVERC Report – LR waiting on statistics from Dinton Pastures. JE has agreed to help with this report. LR confirmed that the workshop, recently attended by JE/GM and her, was very good. Arising from the workshop was the need for someone with GIS experience to be sought. BT indicated that he had experience in this area and would be willing to help. The Clerk to provide links to the Ordnance Survey information to which she has access;
- Community asset transfers and Leisure – LR has asked James McCabe at WBC for additional information and clarification as to whether the Parish can “nominate” community assets. Sites including Dinton Pastures, the Village Halls, Cricket Club, Church, Pond, Bowling Club, Football Club, Shop/Pubs and Almshouses were also considered assets highly valued by the Parish;
- LR to send DK a copy of her notes arising from the recent landowner and business consultation – this can be uploaded to the website; and
- Settlements – this is a complex area and the issue of settlements, and what denotes a separate settlement, is hard to define. Should the separate, identifiable areas within Hurst be denoted as “settlements”?

RESOLVED:

- LR to produce a list of community assets for circulation;
- BT to assist with GIS;
- The Clerk to provide log in details for the Ordnance Survey information; and
- LR to send DK her notes arising from the recent landowner and business consultation.

0065 **Project Update from Bell Cornwell**

LA had provided, ahead of this meeting, a draft copy of the questionnaire for discussion by this Group. To this end, LA was intentionally not at this meeting as the value to this discussion was to be added by those who know Hurst the best.

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0066 Discussion of Draft Questionnaire

The draft questionnaire was discussed in detail, section by section.

The Group felt that the ordering of questions was vital and that the first impression was crucial to get right. Therefore, lengthy questions requiring written responses was not considered a good idea early on in the questionnaire – short tick box style questions would get off to a better start and would leave people more inclined to complete the entire questionnaire.

Discussion was had regarding the suitability of questions and the group examined each question individually. It was agreed that some were totally unsuitable for Hurst and others were considered slightly leading. It was felt that personal questions should be shifted to the end of the questionnaire.

It was considered necessary for the Group, outside of the meeting, to examine the suitability of the questions in further detail. LR agreed to head up this task with help from JE.

The Clerk agreed to seek clarification from LA as to whether the person completing the questionnaire could be identified by wither postcode, ward or the street which they live.

It was agreed that, given the extent to which the questionnaire had to be re-written, it would not be feasible for it to go out as early as January 2019 – March 2019 was considered more realistic and achievable. The Clerk to liaise with LA.

RESOLVED:

- all members of the Group to review the questionnaire and feed back to LR/JE for collation; and
- the Clerk to seek clarification from LA as to whether the questionnaire should require the completer to disclose either their postcode, ward or street; and
- the Clerk to inform LA as to the slippage regarding the timing of the questionnaire going out.

0067 Assignment of Key tasks going forward

The following to be achieved before the next meeting of the Working Group on the 19th December 2018:

RESOLVED:

- GM to explore the possibility of a consultation with the children from St Nicholas Hurst CE Primary;
- LR to produce a list of community assets for circulation;
- BT to assist with GIS;
- The Clerk to provide log in details for the Ordnance Survey information;

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- LR to send DK her notes arising from the recent landowner and business consultation;
- all members of the Group to review the questionnaire and feed back to LR/JE for collation;
- the Clerk to seek clarification from LA as to whether the questionnaire should require the completer to disclose either their postcode, ward or street; and
- the Clerk to inform LA as to the slippage regarding the timing of the questionnaire going out.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Signed.....

Date.....

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