

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hurst Neighbourhood Plan Working Group  
Held at 1, Tape Lane on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Present:** Penny Curry (Chair) Lou Robinson (LR), Brian Thomas (BT),  
Duncan Kendall (DK)

**Apologies:** Gemma Moore (GM)

**282 Prejudicial Interest.**

There were no prejudicial interests to declare.

**283 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 meeting had previously been approved and signed by the then Chairman

284 We are saddened to report that the HNPWG Chairman, John Edwards, after a long fight with cancer, died in April, 2024 and the Group wish to convey our condolences to his wife and family.

285 Mr Wayne Smith has resigned from the Group as he is no longer Chairman of Hurst Parish Council or represents Hurst as a Borough Councillor. We would like to thank Wayne, as our previous Chairman and HNP Working Group Member, for his leadership and all his help and advice since the inception of the HNPWG.

**286 Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary**

In view of points 284 and 285, the remaining members of the HNPWG sought to elect a new Chair and as Penny Curry is Chair of the SNHPC was elected as Chair – proposed by Lou Robinson, seconded by Duncan Kendall;  
Lou Robinson was elected as Vice-Chair – proposed by Penny Curry, seconded by Duncan Kendall; and  
Brian Thomas was elected as Secretary, proposed Penny Curry, seconded by Lou Robinson

**287 Actions arising not covered by agenda**

Penny Curry reported that as Chairman of the SNHPC she had a one to one meeting with the one of the new Borough Councillors, Stephen Conway on July 8<sup>th</sup> 2024, who is also the Leader of the Local Plan Update (LPU). The LPU is now expected to go out to Regulation 19 public consultation in September. This document is expected to lay out the WBC plans and development policies, to which the NDP shall conform.

288 LR produced the ongoing Report and Policy Schedule (V8). This does need some further work to bring it up to date but as a guide the following sections of the DRAFT evidence reports for the plan have been identified and provisionally allocated to members of the team:

- **Communications and Infrastructure** (now almost complete – but needs some updating)
- **Flood Risk, SuDs and Water Pollution** (Needs updating)
- **Historic buildings and environment** (now almost complete)
- **Housing** (this will be the last evidence report to be completed as it cannot be completed until WBC LPU/Reg19 has been issued).
- **Landscape and views** (partially complete but it was noted that the Proposed Valued Landscape Areas (PVLA) are currently being updated by WBC). It was also noted that a John Edwards was working on a proposal to increase the Areas of Special Character within Hurst and this is still to be completed).
- **Gypsy and Traveller Sites.** The WBC GTAA was finally reviewed in August 2023 and will need to be added to the evidence report, but a supporting Central Government report for the GTAA has been found to be discriminatory and will need to be updated.
- **Transport, Traffic and Travel** (partially complete)
- **Biodiversity and Natural Environment** (partially complete)
- **Landscape, Open Green Spaces:** Partially complete
- **Leisure and Community Report:** Partially complete
- **Businesses (as part of the Leisure and Community Report)** have been reviewed but will need revisiting and brought up to date.

#### **289 Correspondence**

Email communications with respect to addition of further members to the working group have been received. These will be considered under the HNPWG current Terms of Reference.

Email correspondence with James McCabe at WBC have been shared with the group.

#### **290 Actions arising**

**LR to organise meeting with James McCabe of WBC to introduce Penny as Chair of the HPNPWG**

**Date of the next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024**

**Meeting closed at 21:00**

**Signed: Date**