

PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING STEERING GROUP WAS HELD ON MONDAY 16TH JUNE 2014 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Ms. E Hodgkins, (Chair) Mr C.Kemp, Mr J. Riddle, Dr R Pawsey
Mr D.Cooper.

1. Apologies were received from Mr R.Jackson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May having been circulated, it was proposed by Mr Kemp, seconded by Dr Pawsey that they be passed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

All dealt with under separate items below.

5. SDNAP LOCAL PLAN

Mr Kemp and Ms Hodgkins attended a SDNPA workshop where SCHLAA and SCHMAA were agenda items together with policy writing. It was interesting to learn that the final agreed SCHLAA sites would be announced next month, and the probable level of affordable housing across the National Park would be 40% of the total, excluding special local needs sites.

6. NEXUS PLANNING CONTRACT AND INCEPTION MEETING

The inception meeting has been fixed for 26th June, with an orientation trip for the Nexus team around the outlying PNP areas by car, followed by a closer view of the centre. Ms.Hodgkins will organise this for the NEXUS team, any member of the steering group would be welcome, but may require an additional car. The orientation trip will be at 6.00 meeting at 7.00. The contract documents will consist of the revised NEXUS schedule of work and fee proposal together with the letter of agreement as sent from the Council.

The terms of reference for Petworth Town Council will consist of the Scoping Document's section headings which show the areas which the steering group selected to be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan, together with the Locality road map and worksheets detailing each stage of the process.

The scoping document will be tabled at the inception meeting for Nexus to indicate their approach to developing the proposals it contains, and suggesting additional ones. The document sets out a Vision for Petworth, and will cover a far wider range of issues than merely, although importantly, the allocation of housing land. It will turn the vision into a reality by allocating actual areas and sites to implement the economic and social needs of the Town, it should be as inclusive as a detailed town plan including transport and highway issues. Although deciding where new housing and new employment should go is an important part of the plan, it is about much more than this. The Plan is a plan for the town as a whole. It will examine a wide range of issues including :-

- a. how new retail should support the town centre.
- b. what new community facilities are needed and where they should go.
- c. how walking around the town should be improved.
- d. how Hampers Green industrial area should be enlarged to encourage local craft workshops.
- e. how Petworth can be made a 'greener' place
- f. how through traffic can be calmed .
- g. how public transport can be improved

7. PETWORTH VISION, SHARED SPACE, AND TRAFFIC CALMING

Mr Riddell commented that he believed the Petworth Vision team were not aware of the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan as set out above. Ms Hodgkins said she would re-double her efforts to correct this misunderstanding and welcomed Mr Riddell's offer of help in this respect.

She reported that the groups traffic calming and shared space proposals had been forwarded to Mr Montyn as he had requested.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26th June, details as above.

NB THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Cooper had kindly agreed to act as vice chairman which was warmly welcomed and was formally proposed by Mr Kemp and Seconded by Dr Pawsey.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm