

Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan v2 Working Group

Minutes of Meeting No.10 on 1st July 2025

Present

Ed Skeates, Julia Waples, Stuart Webb, Tony Hall, Neil Peachey, Paula Smith, Liz Cox and Angela Scott

Apologies

Nigel Smith, Adrian Roberts, Vince Pyle and Keith Feltham

1. Matters Arising from previous Minutes

No.63 Bus

Liz has amended the NP to reflect the change to the No.63 Bus through Slinfold. Initially we were told that it would no longer run, but the bus company have agreed to run one bus in the morning to the Train Station and one in the Evening. (06:41 and 19:10)

Design Statement Photos

Neil has supplied Ed with post for the FB page and a piece to go in the Slinfold Magazine requesting photos, old and new of what we love about Slinfold to be incorporated into the Design Statement. Ed Confirmed his wife had this in hand.

2. Implications of HDC Plan Meeting on 19th June

There was much discussion following the meeting which Keith and Julia attended at HDC offices. HDC have forwarded their slides from the event, but we are still awaiting their own follow up notes following the various discussions the breakout groups had at the end of the afternoon.

In Summary:

- Do we continue with the NP? Is it worth it? Are we wasting time?
- Do we continue with the “Light Touch”, whilst the Examiner and the meeting said to go further.
- Almost certainly if we go further HDC will want everything in detail, eg wildlife/ecology surveys and this costs money.
- If we move forward with the NP and invest time and money it will carry some weight even if it is not accepted.

- HDC very defeatist, we want to take care of our own environment.
- HDC appears not to have enough strategic sites necessary to meet the demands of the Plan.
- Parishes do not want the high numbers that appear to be forced upon them. This is big issue!
- 20 houses per year x 15 years = 300. This is much greater than Slinfold had envisaged. LBBH Farm and Hayes Lane were thought to be sufficient.
- We are vulnerable and the PC need to get involved more closely and make the final decision. PC are looking to the working group to come up with the answer!
- Will our CIL levy drop if we don't have a plan.
- Do we need to potentially look for additional sites around the parish without being overwhelmed with offers.
- Pro's and Con's – Middleway or Nothing?
- 1. Option in Keith's notes for a light touch.
- 2. Do nothing.
- 3. Theoretical exercise based on the Pre-Planning process and contest numbers with Horsham.
- 4. Produce a New Plan.

Do we carry on?

3. AOB

Scout Hut

Martyn Haines raised the question about the ownership of the land on which the Scout Hut sits, and whether this can be transferred to the Parish Council.

Ed confirmed the PC are in discussion on this subject with HDC.

Would owning the land give more security to the Scouts going forward and add weight in discussions with any future developers about its replacement, as was the case with the Cricket Pavilion?

Martyn will speak directly with Nigel Smith who is the PC representative talking to HDC.

CIL money has been set aside by the PC towards rebuild costs.

Design Statement

Neil reported that he had been working on the Design Statement. He has restructured it with new headings. It now reads better and will finish it in the next month.

4. Next Meeting

9th September 2025 – 7pm Slinfold Parish Room

5. Close

8.30 pm

Signed

Date