

Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan v2 Working Group

Minutes of Meeting No.9 on 3rd June 2025

Present

Ed Skeates, Julia Waples, Nigel Smith, Liz Cox, Stuart Webb and Neil Peachey.

1. Apologies

Angela Scott, Vince Pyle, Paula Smith, Tony Hall, Adrian Roberts, Keith Feltham, Martyn Haines.

2. Matters Arising from previous Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. Feedback from AGM/Survey

There were only about 25 attendees at the Parish Council AGM. Forms were handed out requesting feedback on the current NP, sadly only 6 have so far been received back with most quoting the need for a new Scout Hut, along with the reinstatement of the No.63 Bus!!

Julia will drop off some forms to the Cosy Café tomorrow with a request for Jane and Janet to hand them out.

It was suggested the form is pinned to the top of the village FB page in the hope that members will complete it. **Ed to ask Emma to add to the FB page.**

There was some feedback regarding road improvements, but this is not really anything to do with the NP or design statement but the responsibility of the PC.

We still need updated photos. **Neil Peachey** to approach the man with the Drone to see if he would take some photos for us. Also, **Neil** will write brief description of the types of photos he wants for the Facebook page and **Ed** will arrange for it to be posted on village FB. Photos can then be emailed to neighbourhood.plan@slinfold-pc.gov.uk direct.

4. Gleeson and Taylor Wimpey updates

The Promoter of the Gleeson site has said that they intended to flip the site later in the year. They have no intention of doing the building work.

The roundabout by the garden centre is to be reconfigured to allow for access.

Slinfold would like to be included in the design process to ensure there no dead ends and ensure design has different feel to that across the road in BBH.

Vince to be asked to approach the WSCC to see if there is a way to get Apps like Waze, Google etc from routing traffic through the village. Guildford/Cranleigh traffic should be sent via the A281.

Taylor Wimpey intended to press ahead with their original target of 51 houses on the site East of Hayes Lane, they are just waiting on approval from the owners to press ahead.

There are 54 houses on Six Acres, the Hayes Lane site is approx. 3 Acres of developable land, half the size. Is 51 is too many? Liz mentioned that there were 24 houses on Wickett Gardens but its only one acre, TW have a precedent for this density ie 50 or so homes.

Some development on this site is inevitable, but TW are big developers, there are grounds for objection and there is history associated with this site.

What density of houses would we be prepared to accept in return for a Scout Hut? To build a new hut could possibly cost £350,00. Is this is cost a developer could bear?

Any new housing on Hayes Lane is also likely to exacerbate the flooding further down Hayes Lane which is already an issue. Currently the balancing pond on 6 Acres is working well., but this is not a NP issue but a PC one.

5. Drafting

Paula and Ed have updated parts of the Plan, and these changes have been updated onto the shared drive, but track changes need to be merged and the document reformatted. It was suggested we use Chat GPT to merge the changes. **Ed** will have a go at this.

Any mention of the 63 bus needs to be removed; **Liz** will tweak this. Nigel mentioned that not only does it not travel through Slinfold, but the route also now ends at the Horsham bus station and NOT the railway station.

The 100 bus is subsidised by West Sussex CC as its route is within West Sussex whereas the 63 is predominantly a Surrey bus hence why West Sussex will not subsidise.

Bus routes are not the gift of a developer.

There is an ageing population and lack of money and a lack of accessible transport within the district

Stuart is drafting Policy 4. He has been doing most by hand as he lacks a WP package on his ipad. Neil suggested he downloaded a free software package calls WPS Office,

6. Southwater and Horsham

Slinfold have been invited to join a meeting with both Southwater and HDC regarding their NP. Southwater have taken legal advice but have been pushed back by Horsham. What input have they had if any from HDC. Are they prepared to share their legal advice with Slinfold. Will their NP give them protection going forward.

Paula is attending the seminar on the 19th June, Keith will be asked if he would attend with her. We need to find out quite what the process is going to be going forward.

Ed will provide Paula with some questions in advance.

7. AOB

Dates have been circulated for the next 6 months, but it was decided to cancel the August meeting and take a summer break.

8 Next Meeting

1st July 2025 – 7pm Slinfold Parish Room

9. Close

8.10 pm

Signed

Date