

Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan v2 Working Group

Minutes of Meeting No.8 on 6th May 2025

Present

Ed Skeates, Julia Waples, Vince Pyle, Nigel Smith, Liz Cox, Stuart Webb, Tony Hall, Martyn Haines, Keith Feltham, Paula Smith and Neil Peachey.

1. Apologies

Angela Scott

2. Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Committee members responsible for actioning a point should be made clearer in the Minutes.

Drafting – “5 possible development site to be removed from existing plan” should be amended to “all completed sites”.

3. HDC Plan rejection

Following the rejection of the HDC plan, Slinfold have received no clear advice. Currently we are relying on the 2015 HDC plan and the existing Slinfold NP.

Slinfold will push on with their update, it is hoped the revised HDC plan, at the point it had reached in the inspection process, would carry some weight going forward.

There was discussion about whether the merger of the three local councils into one would have a significant delay and how it might affect HDC's plan.

The Committee agreed that it was in our best interests to consult an expert once our revised village plan had taken shape to “polish it” to ensure it has the best possible chance of being accepted. **Nigel Smith** offered to approach the Parish Council for some funding. **Ed Skeates** will obtain some quotes.

Ed has already edited the introduction, and this can be found on the shared drive.

Paula Smith will speak with Rusper PC as she believes they have completed an update, and to find out what their current position is with it.

Mike Simpson, Parish Clerk, will be asked to find out from other parishes if any have started/completed a review of their N.Plans.

4. Land East of Hayes Lane

Taylor Wimpey have finally responded to Ed Skeates's approach for an update and have indicated they will be resubmitting an application for the land East of Hayes Lane soon. Their previous scheme was for 50 houses, whereas the Parish Council was still looking at the original 15 houses.

A letter drafted by **Ed Skeates** would be sent by the Prish Council to Taylor Wimpey indicating that if there is no firm progress the Parish will de-allocate the site from the NP.

Ed has spoken to the agent for Holmbush Manor who confirmed the existing permissions had expired and that the owner was now considering selling.

Paula Smith and Ed Skeates would approach HDC once again to seek clarification that the housing number for the LBBH site which is clearly within our parish boundary are included within our housing allocation for the updated NP.

5. AGM

The Committee is proposing to have a slot at the annual AGM in the School Hall to raise the issue of the NP this would consist of a 20 min presentation and 10 mins Q&A.

There will be display Boards with photos of various parts of the village, and post it notes available for suggestions which can be stuck to the photos. **Neil Peachey** to provide a large map of the Parish.

Some photos of what has been achieved from the last plan eg Cricket Pavilion, which is an asset to the Village as well the cricket club, also the development in Spring Lane which was a site in the last plan.

Comments relating to the design statement and housing are needed.

Improvements to highway safety, cycle lanes, Needs further thought and review before the AGM.

Ed will provide one slide with 5 bullet points as a prompt. It should be highlighted that this is just a consultation. A member of the committee needs to take photos to prove there has been consultation in this process.

It must be clear that the Plan will be housing led and focusing on the needs of the Community. HDC are not interested in Commercial as no development has yet taken place at Nowhurst.

6. Drafting/Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference can be found on the shared drive. Ed wished the updated plan to go forward with only “minor amendments” to give it its best chance, but any decision would be down to HDC and the Examiner.

There is a folder named “The Plan”, where amended sections can be viewed, this will be enabled with track changes so that everyone can comment.

7. Tutorial

The shared drive is best viewed from laptop or a device larger than a phone and everyone seemed happy they could access.

8. AOB

Remote access to meetings to allow members of the committee to attend when they are working away, was briefly discussed but it was deemed impractical.

9. Next Meeting

3rd June 2025 – 7pm Slinfold Parish Room

10. Close

8.30 pm