

Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan II Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: 2nd October 2024 Meeting no.3

Present: Ed Skeates (Chair), Tony Hall, Liz Cox, Stuart Webb, Angela Scott, Martyn Haines

Apologies: David Lewis, Nigel Smith, Vince Pyle, Paula Smith, Adrian Roberts, Emma Grundy, Keith Feltham

1. Previous minutes and Actions from 20/8/24 reviewed. The following the Agenda items were discussed:

2. Demographics

LC took the group through outline findings from 2021 Census data. Further work on data source needs to be done as 2011 and 2021 figures do not tally ie population, homes and households have all dropped which must be incorrect.

Nevertheless, 2021 data initially gives strong evidence for the Parish of an aging population, an over provision of larger 4+ bedroom homes and an under-occupancy of larger homes. ie a need for smaller homes for down-sizing and general need. Discussion required with HDC to word effective policy on housing sizes to help counter housebuilder pressure for large executive homes. More patterns and insights from the data to be explored. **Action ALL to review data issued for further discussion.**

3. Primary School

LC presented notes from discussion with school. Noted plans to build replacement classrooms for prefab units had been put on hold during Covid but now looking to come forward. Traffic, congestion and parking to be discussed further and consideration to addressing these in some way in the Slinfold Design Statement which is largely silent on these issues.

4. Design Statement

TH updated on progress with Neil Peachey and Jonathan Wimpenny. General discussion on importance of Design Statement and how it can be better referenced in Neighbourhood Plan to give it more weight. HDC have cited the Slinfold Design Statement in a recent refusal on Lyons Road but it was generally felt that to date it has not been referenced enough in discussions about design with developers. Any revision/update would need to include input from public consultation event and workshop on lessons learnt from recent developments.

TH to set out brief plan of how it is intended to review the Design Statement for further discussion. **Action TH**

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5. **HDC meeting** – ES outlined discussion at Parish Council with new Leader at HDC; Martin Boffey who advised on progress of HDC Local Plan aiming for Examination in November/December. ES to chase Norman Kwan for date to discuss Slinfold NP direction of travel with HDC.
6. **WSCC** – VP and KF to lead on subjects to be discussed with WSCC. Note issued by KF to be discussed at next meeting.

Importance of high quality broadband as part of existing and new infrastructure was discussed and has gained significant importance since 2018 Plan in the post Covid world of working from home more.

7. Actions carried forward

Funding – Action carried forward **NS**

LBBH - Wording required to reassert Aim 1 preventing coalescence between Slinfold and BBH through design approach to make future extension more difficult. PS to circulate comments with tracked changes for comment. **Action PS**

Policy 7 Update and new Policy for Lower Broadbridge Heath Farm PS to circulate comments with tracked changes for comment. **Action PS**

Scout Hut – A critical piece of community infrastructure that was not delivered. NS is already focused on this and agreed to be key contact person on this for SNPWG. **Action NS**

Project Plan - A timeline for items to be brought forward for discussion/deep dive at subsequent meetings and consultations and communications to be set out. **Action ES.**

Volunteer required to store and administer SNPII data in shared drive. ES to write Job Description Action ES

A record of what has been delivered so far against the SNP 1 numbers and windfall homes in the interim should be compiled. **Action ES**

Next meeting: 7.00pm 5th November 2024 Parish Room
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