

Record of meeting of Newenden CLT Steering Group

White Hart Public House, 7pm Thursday 15th June 2017

Present:

Ellen Hannavy-Cousen

Richard Gould

John Tapley

Raymond Chitty

Derek Urquhart

Caroline Anderson-Jones

Brian Livesey

Guest observer:

Jessica Killick

No apologies were received.

Discussions and decisions:

- The minutes of the meeting on 22nd May were agreed.
- There were no declarations of interest.
- There was a discussion concerning whether we should consider inviting any additional persons to the CLT Steering Group. It was generally agreed that this was not necessary at this stage and this view was supported by the votes of six members. However, it was agreed that Caroline's husband could attend as her proxy if she was unable to attend a future meeting.
- Brian gave a summary of the meeting with Lossenham Lane residents on 8th June. Stated that the meeting had been attended by approximately fifteen residents, who had expressed concern about: whether a small development might lead to larger developments in the future; being overlooked by residents in new dwellings; traffic levels in Lossenham Lane; the motivation of the Bourne family in offering this land; the way that Ashford had identified that site as being the most suitable when others had been objected. Åke Nilson, who had given a summary of the history of the development issue in Newenden, had agreed to share the relevant documentation with those present. It had also been agreed that Caroline, as a member of the Steering Group, would keep attendees updated regarding future developments.
- Caroline stated that she was unhappy with the identification of possible sites to Ashford, but was unable to suggest any alternative sites that should have been

identified. She stated she would not support the Lossenham Lane site for development as it was near to her home. She suggested that the sites should be re-submitted to Ashford for consideration again. This suggestion was not supported by any other committee members.

- The draft Housing Needs Survey prepared by Ellen and Derek was discussed and agreed, with a few minor changes and a need for re-formatting. Derek and Ray agreed to make these changes and also shared the standard preamble letter that Tess sends with the HNS and it was agreed that this also required modification. Ray would continue to act as liaison with Tessa once finalised versions were completed.

(Actions: Derek and Ray)

- The proposed area of the CLT was discussed in order to ensure the HNS would reach all those included. It was agreed that this would be: the geographical area within Newenden Parish boundaries, plus the properties operated by Bournes and Bodiam Boating Station (including the Lime Wharf Cafe) on the far side of the River Rother, and all dwellings on both sides of the A268 towards Sandhurst, up to and including Lamberden Farm. Employees of the following businesses who are normally employed within the above geographical area would also be provided with survey documentation: Bournes/Gardenscape; Bodiam Boating Station and the Lime Wharf Cafe; the White Hart; and Wheeler's. This area will be subject to confirmation or alteration by the CLT once it is formed, but will be used for the purposes of the HNS.
- There was an update on progress arranging an advisor from the National CLT Network to assist us in the formation of a Community Benefit Society etc.. Due to the dramatic increase in interest in CLTs and the subsequent demand for advisor's time, our previous advisor is no longer available, but a new one has been identified and asked to contact us. He was on annual leave until the 12th June, but should contact us shortly. **(Action: Brian to chase if no contact by 23rd June)**
- It was agreed that the date for the next meeting will be decided once the position of the CLT Advisor is clarified. There being no other business the meeting closed.