

**BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH PLAN**  
**MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING**

**Held in the Millennium Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 1930 hours**

Present: Trevor Maroney (Chairman), Jeanette Kirby, Colin Osborne, John Tough, Lee Stewart & Tony Rudgard.

Apologies: Eve Hope, Jackie Poole (Secretary), Margit Beavon, Martin Feast, Mukund Patel, Robin Young, Sarah Frankland & Simon Cooper.

Also Present: Paul Mackie

1.	<u>Introduction.</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<u>Safety Notices.</u> The Chairman pointed out the emergency exits and procedures in the event of a fire.	
3.	<u>Disclosure of Interests.</u> Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item on the agenda. There were none.	
4.	<u>Minutes of Meetings.</u> The minutes of the 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 were approved and signed.	
5.	<p><u>Matter's Arising.</u> The following matters were raised:</p> <p>a. Item 5c. Local Electoral System. The Chairman confirmed that he had removed this sub-section from the Plan.</p> <p>b. Item 7g. Allotments. In JP's absence the Chairman explained the need for 2 or 3 paragraphs on allotments – current holdings, waiting list, future availability etc. – for inclusion under Sports &amp; Recreation. JK offered to look into producing this information.</p> <p>c. Item 7 [Foot Note]. TR explained that he had been unable to arrange a meeting with Kirsty Cope, EHDC with regard to suitable locations for new sports facilities in Liphook.</p> <p>d. Item 6, Serial 33. Disabled Access to Trains. There was a brief discussion on how the free taxi services for the disabled could be more widely publicized.</p>	JK
6.	<p><u>Chairman's Report.</u></p> <p>a. Comments on Papers. He thanked RY, TR, LS and SC for their comments on the various papers that had been circulated.</p> <p>b. Website. He explained that the website had been updated and was now receiving hits from around the world following the football world cup. The main areas of interest were from Basingstoke, Farnborough, Guildford, London and Woking. There were also lengthy visits from individuals in Holland (USA), Dublin and Hitchin.</p> <p>c. Hard Copies. He had withdrawn the hard copies of the Plan from the Library and Parish Office adding that no comments had been entered in either of them.</p>	

	<p>d. Planned meeting with EHDC. Following LS's suggestion that we should get the draft Plan vetted by EHDC, the Chairman was trying to arrange a meeting with Liz Panton, Community Planning. He planned to give her a hard copy and brief her on the content. He would then invite her to a meeting and ask for her views on the Plan.</p> <p>e. Swimming Pool. In response to an article in the Bordon Herald about a third, 6 lane, swimming pool in Whitehill &amp; Bordon the Chairman had written to Cllr. Ferris Cowper. He had attached a copy of the Sports &amp; Recreation section and had suggested that EHDC's study by independent consultant should consider either locating the pool in Liphook if the catchment area included the populations of Grayshott &amp; Liphook or exclude the populations of both villages from the Bordon calculations and look at providing them with a separate swimming pool.</p>	
7.	<u>Treasurer's Report.</u> The Treasurer reported that the only change since the last meeting had been a small claim for expenses by the Chairman of £26.25.	
8.	<u>Resignations.</u> The Chairman reported that he had reluctantly accepted resignations from: Andrew Pope, Margit Beavon and Martin Feast.  [After note: Following the meeting the Chairman spoke to Eve Hope who felt unable to continue and resigned from the Steering Group.]	
9.	<u>Receive Updates.</u>  a. Education & Training. The Chairman explained that Phil Avery, Assistant Head at Bohunt School, had asked for the planned meeting to discuss their school development plan be postponed until September as they were waiting for an answer on their application for 6 <sup>th</sup> Form College. He also reported that funding was being provided to build a skills training college in Bordon, which he welcomed.  b. Economics. He explained that this section was progressing nicely and that further research was being conducted into the income generated from Council Tax, Business Rates and Developers' Contributions and how this was being spent. He believed that these funds were being used to build and maintain community facilities in towns which some residents were unable to utilise due to the lack of public transport in the evenings and at weekends. He also planned to establish the likely building and running costs of providing facilities in Liphook identified in the Plan.  c. Social Care & Unemployment. In EH's absence the Chairman distributed copies of the original brief that he had given her and the initial completed part of the Social Care section. He believes that the work was on-going, but had not received a progress report.	
10.	<u>Business Section Comments.</u> A copy of this section was circulated before the meeting. LS took the meeting through some additional points he wished included in this section. He highlighted the key points, which were agreed, and left a copy of the annotated changes with the Chairman.	

11.	<u>Comments on Consolidated Recommendations.</u> The list containing these was circulated prior to the meeting. As only minor comments had been received it was agreed that the existing Recommendations be adopted. The Chairman confirmed that he had asked SC to review the wording to see if it could be made more ‘punchy.’ He was waiting for an answer.	SC
12.	<u>Discuss &amp; Agree Infrastructure.</u> The Chairman explained that he had amended this section in line with the comments made by AP. It now highlights all infrastructure Annexes and cross references them to the relevant sections where appropriate without drawing any conclusion on them. Where there are no specific sections covering that item, such as utilities, it goes into more detail and only draws conclusions from them. His request that all members re-read this section and submit their comments was agreed.	All
13.	<u>Discuss Relief Road Options.</u> A paper provided by JK showing a selection of relief road options, circulated in advance, was briefly discussed. Since some members had not read it and it appeared controversial the Chairman suggested that the debate be postponed until the next meeting. This was agreed.	All
14.	<u>Discuss &amp; Agree Optional Sites for Proposed Facilities.</u> JK produced a large map of the village showing all the salient features. She then lead a discussion on the various sites that could house new employment land, sports facilities, a drop-in centre, swimming pool and youth facilities. The alternative sites agreed in the relevant recommendations were used, although JK pointed out some further sites that might become available along Highfield Road. LS asked about using the area around Devil’s Lane as a business site. It was felt that only sites adjacent to the A3 would be acceptable providing they used the existing road network to access the A3. Two sites north of the A3 were also considered. JT also suggested that the Liphook Millennium Centre (LMC), because of its central position, could be used as a drop-in centre. The Chairman explained that the LMC was to become the cultural/entertainment centre of the village and was therefore unsuitable as a drop-in facility. Since there was a lack of consensus the Chairman curtailed the debate proposing that it be discussed at the next meeting. In the meantime, he would welcome written submissions on the most suitable sites. This was agreed.	All
15.	<u>Discuss &amp; Agree a Position on EHDC’s Housing Exhibition.</u> JK explained that a small team involving councillors and members of the public had looked at all the proposed housing developments and using laid down planning criteria had produced a list assessing all the sites. Her paper was circulated prior to the meeting. There was general agreement that the exhibition failed to inform the public on the relative merits of each site and the planning constraints applicable to the SDNP. CO felt that had our district councillors followed Four Marks & Medstead’s example by briefing residents in advance and recording and controlling attendance the outcome might have been different. Concern was expressed that EHDC would use their findings, which have yet to be published, as evidence of parishioners’ wishes. If adopted, this would result in houses being built in the SDNP. The general consensus was that the Parish Plan exhibition should include a	

	section showing the relative merits of each site. A better managed survey of residents' informed views could then be conducted under controlled conditions. This was agreed	All
16.	<u>Reconsider Position on Neighbourhood Plan (NP)</u> . The Chairman suggested that our exhibition be used as a platform for recruiting volunteers to form a NP Steering Group rather than wait until the Plan had been published. He was concerned over the unrest and divisiveness amongst parishioners that had arisen following the EHDC debacle. He would not expect the current members of the BLPP Steering Group to be involved in the NP. He added that he had sought the free advice of a charity, Planning Aid England having sent them a copy of our recommendations. He read out an email he had received from John Romanski, a senior planning officer who concluded that whilst our plan would require significant work to convert, the document forms an excellent basis to develop a NP. Despite this advice and following a brief discussion there was a general feeling that the Parish Plan should be finished and published first before any consideration is given to producing a NP. In light of this the Chairman chose not to ask for a vote.	
17.	<u>Draft Programme for Exhibition</u> . There was insufficient time to discuss this Item. It was therefore postponed until the next meeting.	All
18.	<u>Any other business</u> . Proposed presentations by: a. Thames Water. The Chairman updated members on his discussions and asked if their representative should be invited to give a presentation at one of our meetings. It was felt that giving them a platform at our exhibition may be the best solution. This would give them a wider audience. b. Scottish & Southern Electric (SSE). A similar briefing was given on discussions with SSE. The above solution would apply.	
19.	<u>Next Meeting</u> . Date and location of next meeting to be confirmed. The meeting ended at 9.47 pm.	

Signed:

Trevor Maroney

Chairman BLPP

Date:

Enclosures:

1. Agenda.
2. Business & Employment V2.9
3. Consolidated Recommendations V2.2.
4. Infrastructure V1.5.
5. Liphook By-Pass Paper by JK.
6. SHLAA Assessments Paper by JK.
7. John Romanski's, Planning Aid England, email.