

BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH PLAN
MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING

Held in the Millennium Centre on 29th April 2014 at 1930 hours

Present: Trevor Maroney (Chairman), John Tough (Treasurer), Jeanette Kirby, Colin Osborne from 7.50 pm), Mukund Patel, Andrew Pope, Robin Young, Tony Rudgard, Lee Stewart & Jackie Poole (Secretary).

Apologies: Margit Beavon, Adrian Bird, Simon Cooper, Martin Feast, Sarah Frankland, Eve Hope & Julian Small.

Also Present: Six members of the public.

1.	<p><u>Introduction.</u></p> <p>a. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>b. He then made the sad announcement that Carole Holmes, who had been a member of the team since the beginning, had passed away over the weekend. Carole had produced the first draft of the Elderly, Disabled and Medical section and was a strong, passionate and caring advocate for the elderly and infirm. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Safety Notices.</u> The Chairman pointed out the emergency exits and procedures in the event of a fire.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings.</u> The minutes of the 25th April 2014 were approved and signed.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Matter's Arising.</u></p> <p>a. JT questioned the change of title in Section 21b of the Index from 'Benefits of Town Status' to 'Settlement Hierarchy.' The Chairman explained that since the former title had appeared controversial – many residents object to being considered a town - he had switch to the latter.</p> <p>b. The Chairman also explained that he planned to add in the responsibilities of the various local government tiers.</p> <p>c. He also explained that since some sections were arriving at similar recommendations he would produce a matrix of the key points and the relevant paragraph number in each section. AP's offer to help 'brain storm' the final solutions to each was accepted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman & AP</p>
5.	<p><u>Overview of the Parish Plan.</u> The Chairman gave a brief update on progress:</p> <p>a. The Business Plan (V2.4) had been circulated and would be discussed under Item 6.</p> <p>b. The section on Infrastructure had been drafted and circulated. He asked for all comments and changes to be submitted prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>c. Maps showing Rights of Way and Designated Conservation areas had been added to the Environment section and that AP was now amending the text to reflect these additions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AP</p>

	<p>d. The website had been updated. He explained that there 395 users had accessed the data (584 hits) since last December. The main interest came from London (83), Guilford (66), Woking (52), Liphook (44) Godalming (41) and Farnborough (26).</p> <p>e. He explained that EH had completed her research on Welfare and Unemployment and would be typing up her notes this week when she returns from Barcelona. At the Chairman’s behest she agreed to visit the food-banks in Fernhurst and Haslemere to establish how many of our parishioners they were supporting.</p> <p>f. He was now planning to start work on Settlement Hierarchy and Economy. He was also aware and was doing some research on Bohunt School with help from the HCC Education Department.</p> <p>g. He explained that he wished to avoid the same fate that the Village Design Statement Team experienced. Their plan was not adopted by EHDC due to insufficient consultation. He was also conscious that the community needed to compete for limited resources with towns and was therefore drafting a Parish Plan that was on a par with their Market Town Surveys.</p> <p>h. Looking forward, he felt there would be a need for two further meetings after the 13th April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree and finalise the recommendations on Health, Social & Welfare, Unemployment, Economy and Education & Training. • To consider the relative merits of the various proposed housing developments and alternative solutions to the transport problems, and plan the exhibition. 	<p style="text-align: right;">EH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Approve revised Business & Employment Section (V2.4).</u> The following points were raised by:</p> <p>a. LS had several textural changes he wished to make such as the Liphook Business Initiative (LBI) being inactive, adding Barclay’s as a third bank closure, removal of reference to time limits on parking and ‘the age of steam’ from the text, and reference to businesses just outside the parish such as Champneys Spa Hotel, and Liphook Equine hospital.</p> <p>b. AP had similar textural changes that would not detract from the conclusion drawn from this section. He also suggest that all schools should be named in full.</p> <p>c. RY raised the question of business rates being punitive for new businesses.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that the section needed to be approved before recommendations could be considered. He asked all members to let him have notes on the changes they would like made. Subject to these minor, textural changes the revised Business & Employment section was unanimously approved.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">All</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Agree Executive Summary.</u> Bearing in mind the time spent on Item 6 and the need to make further amendments the following was agreed:</p> <p>a. Business & Employment. The discussion was postponed until the next meeting.</p>	

<p>b. Communications. Julian Small was unable to attend the meeting as planned; he was stuck in London due to the underground strike and had presented his apologies. On his behalf the Chairman explained that Julian had been in touch with the team leader of HCC’s Superfast Broadband project and had been informed that BT would start installation in the Liphook Exchange this June with completion set for December. This work will not, however, include Passfield. Work there was unlikely to start until 2017. The Passfield business community were therefore looking at alternative, private solutions. It was agreed that we should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Broadband. Actively support the delivery of superfast broadband. (2) Mobile Signal. Encourage mobile signal providers to extend 3G coverage to the whole parish. (3) Landline. Retain the ADSL landline for internet, fax and TV connections but delete all after the word ‘connections.’ <p>A member of the audience raised the issue of poor TV reception in parts of the parish. The Chairman agreed to look into this issue.</p> <p>c. Elderly, Disabled & Medical. The following recommendations were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Transport Self-help Kit. Publicise the availability of HCC’s self-help kit. (2) Disabled Access to Trains. Expedite the provision of disabled access at Liphook Station. In the meantime request greater publicity be given at the Station to the SWT taxi service for the disabled. (3) Studies. Review all pedestrian and wheelchair access crossing points on all roads and access to shops for the elderly, disabled and parents with small children. Parish Council to assist with distribution of this information. (4) County Boundary Constraints. Recommendations agreed without any changes. (5) Liphook Voluntary Care. Delete the words ‘for essential medical treatment’ and insert ‘for medical appointments.’ (6) Enhance Local Medical Facilities. Wording agreed. JT asked that more use should be made of Chase Hospital. (7) NHS Dentist. Agreed. (8) Encourage Volunteering. Agreed. (9) Drop-in Centre. The word ‘rapidly’ to be deleted. Consideration should also be given to providing similar (or the same) facilities for single mothers, the unemployed and teenagers. (10) Bramshott Place. Agreed with no changes. The members of the public present, all from Bramshott Place, confirmed that 90% of the current residents were from outside the parish. <p>d. Emergency Services. It was agreed that this Item would be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
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	<p>e. Sports & Leisure. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Liphook United FC. Recommendation agreed with no changes. (2) Skate Park. Delete ‘on health & safety grounds.’ (3) Cricket. Agreed but emphasize that the area needs to be central, level and big enough for both cricket and football. (4) Bowling & Tennis. Agreed. (5) Basketball & Netball. Agreed with no changes. (6) Swimming pool. Delete ‘including the disabled.’ The Chairman explained that the catchment area for the planned 3 pools in Whitehill in Bordon (Army, Mill Chase and a new one) included the populations of Grayshott and Bramshott & Liphook. He would argue that, on balance, the third pool should be built in Liphook. (7) Leisure Centre & Sports Pitches. Delete words ‘one central site’ and insert ‘a site.’ CO expressed concern that there might be tension between groups wanting more facilities and those against an influx of visitors wishing to use those facilities. TR reminded everyone of the two MoD, football pitches on Bramshott Common. There followed a brief debate the positive and negative sides to encouraging more tourism since Liphook, as the gateway to SDNP, has the potential to gain from the projected growth in tourism. <p><i>[After note: There is a strongly supported view that the title of this section should be changed to ‘Sports & Recreation’ and that it should include information on the demand and provision of allotments.]</i></p>	
8.	<u>Any Other Business.</u> There was no other business.	
9.	<p><u>Next Meeting.</u> Steering Group: Tuesday 13th May 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Canada Room, Millennium Centre. The main topics will be selected from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hamlets. b. Settlement Hierarchy. c. Traffic & Transport. d. Infrastructure. e. Youth. f. Business & Employment. g. Emergency Services. <p>The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.</p>	

Signed:

Trevor Maroney
Chairman BLPP

Date:

Enclosures:

1. Agenda
2. Plan Index V2.2.