

BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH PLAN
MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING

Held in the Millennium Centre on 31st March 2015 at 1930 hours V1.3

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

Apologies: Robin Young.

1.	<u>Introduction.</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and pointed out the emergency exits and procedures in the event of a fire.	
2.	<u>Disclosure of Interests.</u> There were no disclosures.	
3.	<u>Minutes of Meetings.</u> The minutes of the 17 th March 2015 were approved and signed. There was one correction to Item 7i: Replace ‘Green Spaces’ with ‘Open Spaces.’	
4.	<p><u>Matter’s Arising.</u></p> <p>a. Item 4a, Env4 – Radford Park. JK had spoken to EHDC who said that there was little benefit to Radford Park becoming a nature reserve, it is currently a SINC which is fine. There was a need to update the management plan for the Park.</p> <p>b. Item 4b, Ham4 – Improve Footpaths. JT was still having difficulty contacting the National Trust. The Chairman had received a strong recommendation that the footpath should include a cycle lane.</p> <p>c. Item 4c, Infr3 – Utilities & Services. The Chairman had received acknowledgements from both Thames Water and SSE and expected to receive more detailed responses later.</p> <p>d. Item 4d, Med2, 3 &4 – Travel to Medical Appointments. The Chairman had been in touch with the CEO of the Clinical Care Group (CCG) for East Hampshire who had passed on the request to Dr Barbara Rushton. He was still waiting to hear from her.</p> <p>e. Item 4f, P&D3 – Design. JK was waiting to hear from Adrian Bird about the work required to finish the Village Design Statement.</p> <p>f. Item 7a, Infr4 - Broadband & Mobile Signal. The Chairman had spoken to Julian Small who confirmed that they still hadn’t received superfast broadband, however he understood that fibre Optic cabling had been run from Whitehill to Passfield. With regard to mobile signal, a team at Passfield Business Park had placed an experimental antenna on the roof and obtained a Vodafone 3G signal. They were therefore asking Vodafone to erect a permanent mast to improve the signal. He believed, but suggested we check out, the recent planning application for a taller mast at Liphook Station to see if it would achieve the same reception.</p> <p>g. Item 7f, RM2 – Minimize Fire Risk. JK had contacted the Heathland Project but unfortunately the person she needed to speak to was away.</p> <p>h. Item 7h, RM4 – Flood Prevention. The Chairman agreed to include this as part of is discussion with HCC and Thames Water.</p>	<p>JT</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>JK</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>JK</p> <p>Chairman</p>

	<p>i. Item 7q, Tpt1 – Traffic Congestion. JT explained the need for new signage to redirect traffic away from Liphook. He also agreed to reword this action point.</p>	JT
5.	<p><u>Chairman’s Report.</u></p> <p>a. Med6. Overnight Hospital Discharges. He attended the Liphook Voluntary Care AGM and put the proposed solution to them. They stated that providing hospitals with their contact telephone number was a none starter for two reasons:</p> <p>(1) It was likely to be abused by patients and hospital staff.</p> <p>(2) They do not have drivers on standby, they need 2 days’ notice.</p> <p>It was felt that hospitals may need to provide reclining chairs and blankets for those being discharged who cannot arrange transport or afford a taxi.</p> <p>b. Website. The number of visits had suddenly increased from 120 to over 250 per month for no apparent reason. Most were from around the world.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report.</u> There was nothing to report since the last meeting.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Develop the Action Plan.</u> Copies of the updated Action Plan V1.3 were circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman confirmed the format for debate would be to tackle the easier issues first. The decisions reached were:</p> <p>a. Tpt8 – Cycling. JT gave the following proposed actions:</p> <p>(1) Cycle Stands. Although it was only a recommendation that cycle parking should be easy to get to and preferably within 20-30 m of the final destination it was clear that EHDC were not adopting it. On security grounds and encouraging cycling they should be asked to do so. LS pointed out that until traffic through the narrow streets and Square was reduced there was little incentive for people to risk cycling through the village.</p> <p>(2) Improving Cycle Routes. HCC and the Highways Agency should be asked to improve signage on cycle routes.</p> <p>(3) Military Byelaws. JT hadn’t spoken to MoD; he just read the Byelaws. The Chairman agreed to speak to MoD about the public gaining access when the danger flags are not flying.</p> <p>(4) Round-Liphook Off-Road Cycle Route. HCC should be asked to amend the route to incorporate the Canadian Underpass.</p> <p>b. Tpt9 – Car Parking. At the Parish Council’s AGM Cllr. Ferris Cowper said that HCC had agreed to fund a study into parking in Liphook. The Chairman was asked to establish the study’s terms of reference and when it would be carried out. LS was concerned about the few parking spaces provided for residents of the Maple Park estate and suggested encroaching onto the village green opposite to compensate. This suggestion was rejected. Other discussions included the 2-storey proposal for the Station car park, more yellow lines and the installation of parking meters.</p> <p>c. Y1 – Support for Young People. Since these topics related to use of school facilities the Chairman agreed to discuss the potential solutions with the respective heads. JT confirmed that his team were providing films for children under 16 who are accompanied. It was not possible to run a cinema</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p>

	<p>for unaccompanied children because it would need a large team of responsible and qualified adults to supervise them. The LMC were still looking at providing a cinema for unaccompanied children but would need a team of responsible and CRB checked adults to supervise it.</p> <p>d. Y3 – Personal Development. JT explained that the Youth Club would no longer be funded by HCC and as there was a shortage of volunteers it may have to close. MP confirmed that the Scouts and Guides were well supported although short of funds. To compensate they were letting out the halls when not required for their activities. LS pointed out the need for more projects that students taking the Duke of Edinburgh scheme could participate in. He also pointed out that the children’s playground by Ottawa Drive under the ownership and management of residents had been closed because it was too expensive to maintain and other non-residents’ children had been using it. He felt that the Parish Council should take it over. One project suggested was Young Farmers. However it was understood that this applied to children of farmers. It was concluded that we needed to make the community more aware of the problems such as the urgent need for more volunteers and the introduction of more projected or charitable activities to stretch the abilities of participants in the Duke of Edinburgh’s scheme.</p> <p>e. Y5 – Improve Bohunt School’s Facilities. It was unanimously agreed that the school’s facilities had been updated and were acceptable. Therefore this action point was deleted.</p> <p>f. B2 – Regenerating Shops & Businesses. LS explained that he had attended a business meeting with the Business Development Department at EHDC. They had a large fund from the government and were looking for investments in order to expand their property portfolio and help communities grow their business sector. They were looking with interest at the commercial site by Maple Park; currently going to appeal as a nursing home. The general view, expressed by the Parish Council, who would be jointly fighting the appeal with EHDC, was that it should be used for shops, such as a shopping arcade, with offices and flats over and some storage units. The generally held view was that unless and until landowners stepped forward and offered up commercial sites there was little the local authority could do. Apart from this discussion it was agreed that we should return to this subject at the next meeting.</p> <p>g. B7 – Local Employment skipped following the above revelation. That said, it was felt that Liphook should be regarded as both an employment and residential centre.</p> <p>h. Eld1 – Disabled Access to Trains.</p> <p>(1) JT felt that the planned ramp off the south side of the bridge had its disadvantages in that disable people would have to be dropped off at the roadside on Midhurst Road to gain access. If a 2-storey was added to the car park then people could use the current footbridge to access the ramp. He went on to explain that some developer funding from Silent Garden would not be available until the development was complete. This would then require matched funding from other sources such as SWT, Network Rail, EHDC, HCC etc.</p> <p>(2) The Chairman explained that he had received photographs of the corroded steelwork supporting the present pedestrian bridge at the</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
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	<p>Station. He was planning to seek the advice of EHDC's engineers before raising the issue with SWT and Network Rail.</p> <p>(3) Following a brief debate it was agreed that we should press for the two storey car park solution with lifts. This could then accommodate the anticipated increase in vehicles following the building of 4,000 houses in Whitehill & Bordon.</p> <p>(4) Infr1 – Multipurpose Drop-In Centre. The debate centred on the provision of a bigger Drop-In to replace the Peak Centre. JT and others felt that the LMC should be used for this purpose, the Chairman disagreed citing the aim of the Parish Council to make the Millennium Hall the cultural centre of the village with a separate building to cater for the community's social care needs. That said, the lack of numbers, volunteers and funding for the Youth Club wouldn't warrant expenditure on a separate building. Therefore the LMC would suffice. The Chairman also explained that he had raised the proposed Drop-In with the Committee for Liphook Age Concern. Their response was disappointing. There was a general view that the existing halls in the village are underutilised. In the circumstances it was unanimously agreed that this action point be dropped.</p> <p>(5) P&D1 – Sustainability. This should be retitled Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Following the Parish Council's decision to support a NP it was agreed that this would have an on-going timescale that would require funding and consultants, and should be monitored by the Parish Council.</p> <p>(6) P&D5 – Creative use of Space. There was a brief discussion over the land behind the former HSBC bank and the Fairfield Graphics site for increasing retail outlets. Now that a consortium had purchased the former there was a risk that it would be used for yet more housing. A similar proposal had been put forward by the owners of the latter site. It was felt that the NP Steering Group, when formed, needed to discuss the use of both sites with the owners with the view to them becoming retail properties with offices and/or accommodation over. We agreed to add this Item to B1.</p> <p>(7) S&R4 – Swimming Pool. After a brief debate it was agreed that the wording of this action point should be changed to 'Conduct a feasibility study into the need for a swimming pool in Liphook.'</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Any other business.</u></p> <p>a. Election Candidates. The Chairman announced that JK and he would be standing for district in the forthcoming election. This commitment meant that he would not be available until May and he proposed suspending further meetings until then. Alternatively, the Steering Group could continue to meet in his absence. It was agreed to postpone the next meeting until May.</p> <p>b. Completion of the Plan. LS expressed concern about completing the Plan. The Chairman explained that we were nearing completing but that he was insisting on discussing the various actions with the relevant authorities in advance to ensure that the completed plan would be immediately adopted. His explanation in Item 5a above being a case in point. JT agreed that the current changes being made to the Plan improved it considerably.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Next Meeting.</u> The date of the next meeting in May, date to be agreed.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9.40 pm.</p>	

Signed:

Trevor Maroney
Chairman BLPP
Date:

Enclosures

1. Agenda.
2. Draft Action Plan V1.3.