

## **Minutes of Steering Group/PC Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**

### **Attendees:**

Neil Dickens	Gill Morgan
Beth Stedman	Paul Smith
Janette Eustace	George Gator
Steve Nicholl	Margaret Burgess
Andrew Pryke	Chris Pragnell
Jenny Wodey	
Keith Higgins	
David Lett	
Neil Shefford	

### **Apologies:**

Brian Bottomley  
Alison Kennedy  
Diana Fawcett  
Lois Allard  
Andy Chappell

ND stated that Working Group Reports had been completed by:

Amenities  
Elderly  
Primary Education  
Rec. Facilities  
Conservation and Heritage

### **NP Sites**

31 sites have been assessed and information is being collated  
Green spaces are in process of being listed and is to be evaluated  
The 31 sites will obviously not all go forward as there is no expertise to properly assess the sites.  
ND stated that the Village Foundations in Amersham had been engaged and he will be meeting with a representative on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. ND also stated that there is another developer from Kingston-upon-Thames that could also be utilised.  
Regarding the Strategic Environmental Assessment, JE is speaking to the AVDC about this and JE stated that it seems now to be pre-requisite as many other Village Plans had completed this. We are awaiting a response.

### **AVDC Update**

PS stated that he had attended a meeting about a Single Unitary Council, it appeared that AVDC were not happy with BCC having this much control over the area.  
A reduction in housing was discussed as it was stated that the figures and spatial distribution were being looked at and that AVDC were re-considering the housing around Aylesbury, it was asked if this would make a variance in village developments. Nothing will be known until the New Year.

### **Soulbury Road Development**

ND stated that a discussion by the Council had been deferred to next year as green spaces were a

concern. JE stated that the Consultant (Paul Jobson) had looked at all the information regarding the development and noted that the Bio-Diversity Survey was incomplete and that the Bat Survey had been completed at the wrong time of year. JE to put this to AVDC. ND also stated that he had heard of a possible change to the dwelling amount from 80 dwellings down to 68. This is to be confirmed.

### **Stewkley Neighbourhood Plan Policies**

This document was discussed as the policies will now affect all the sites within the Neighbourhood Plan for development.

### **Neighbourhood Plan Comments and Issues**

A discussion ensued as to whom was to take ownership of the Neighbourhood Plan – The Steering Group or the Parish Council. JE stated that the Steering Group was the Parish Council as it is a Sub-Committee and Parish Councillors sat on this Group.

With regards to the suggested responses to the leaflet 'Identifying and Assessing Potential Sites for New Homes'. It was decided that FAQ's were needed on the website to deal with non-complicated queries, however some wording was discussed for responses to those queries already made. **JE to complete.**

### **AOB**

There should be an explanation in the Grapevine on how comments will be responded to. Anything happening in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan should be communicated in the Grapevine.

The results of the Questionnaire should now go up onto the website

Community Land Trust was discussed and should be stated that this is an ambition for the Neighbourhood Plan. DL could have a meeting with some landowners and give a presentation as to how this could work for Stewkley.

ND stated that whilst he is on holiday in December and January JE would be deputising for him.

ND, JE and BS to arrange a meeting so that any outstanding issues can be discussed.