



## STEERING COMMITTEE

### Minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

A meeting was held in Ashington Community Centre, on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 commencing at 8pm.

Present: Nigel Spiers, Graeme MacPherson, Mary Davis, Colin Hoare, Mike Humphrey, Tony Moss.

Neighbourhood Plan Clerk: Karen Dare

Apologies for absence: Di Clarke, Clare Barker, Tiena Currell, Brian Clarke (all personal).

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Vision and Objectives for Ashington Neighbourhood Plan.

At the Steering Group meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June all Steering Group members had been tasked with preparing their own draft Vision & Objectives, based on examples provided and information in the recently published State of the Parish report. Karen Dare (Neighbourhood Plan Clerk) had received these drafts and had consolidated them into a single version:

#### *Draft Vision*

*To continue to thrive as a safe, friendly, attractive and accessible medium-size rural village in the heart of West Sussex. To maintain and/or positively enhance:*

- community cohesiveness, communications and infrastructure*
- the green and rural nature of the village and its links to the countryside*
- local facilities, services and activities*
- the range and availability of transport options*
- provision of healthcare*
- a balanced provision of new housing*

*For the benefit of, and to meet, current and future residents needs.*

#### *Objectives:*

- 1. Contribute to the HDPF requirement for new homes by providing housing that meets the current and future needs of the Parish, maximising opportunities for development of sites within the BUAB or brownfield sites adjacent to the BUAB*
- 2. Ensure that all new development is designed to protect and enhance the landscape, reduce or minimise flood risk, promote biodiversity and positively enhance the Parish wherever opportunities exist.*
- 3. Protect and improve existing community facilities and provide additional facilities as required or as a consequence of future developments*

4. *Improve parking & traffic management, access to public transport and opportunities to make use of other sustainable modes of transport*
5. *Develop new local services (including retail, business, education, medical) and enhance opportunities to support existing services to ensure their continued success*
6. *Conserve and enhance heritage assets*
7. *Protect the rural nature of the Parish and seek opportunities to improve access to the countryside and natural environment*
8. *Recognise the relationship between Ashington, its surrounding settlements and the SDNP and the opportunity to support the local visitor economy.*

It was suggested that an additional Objective encompassing 'community involvement' could be added. Agreed

It was agreed that the 'Challenges' as written in the State of the Parish report should be reflected in the Objectives and that consideration should be given to the 'weight' of each Objective relative to the Challenges.

Some concern was expressed about the bullet-point nature of the Vision, perhaps proper sentences would be better.

All agreed that Graeme MacPherson would use the 'draft 1' above, State of the Parish report and V&O examples to produce 'draft 2'. This would be done by mid July.

The Steering Group would then consult with residents, community groups, stakeholders etc, including a stall at Ashington Festival to seek feedback on draft 2 Vision & Objectives.

The next meeting will take place late July/early August.

Signed:  
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