

## **STRETE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – STEERING GROUP MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall at 7pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Administrator - Ralph Clark

Present - Steering Group Members:

David Ferguson	Graham Campbell	Pam Wills
Andy Pound	Louise Newman	Kate Gill
Jeremy Swainston	Jane Hall	Mark Hanson

Apologies:     Giles Helliwell             Malcolm Hollis             Harry Fenton  
                       Claire Smith                     David Rothwell

Working Group Members:

Jill Welham	Penny Penhale	Andrea Phillips
Liz Ferguson		

Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were reviewed and approved.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising

In an effort to assist everyone in understanding the requirements for determining the evidence needed to satisfy scrutiny by an examiner Alan Storah of South Hams District Council, who is a new temporary officer brought in to assist with progressing neighbourhood plans across South Hams and West Devon, was invited to the meeting to explain what guidance and support was available from SHDC.

Alan provided a PowerPoint presentation that provided some guidance although members felt too much emphasis was placed on researching what other communities had achieved as a way of guidance. The support from SHDC would be in advising if the evidence submitted would be acceptable or not.

Alan also confirmed that South Hams, West Devon and Plymouth have agreed to work on a Joint Local Plan.

All three Councils have come to a view that a Joint Local Plan is the most efficient and effective way to set out a robust evidence base and a spatial strategy covering the three local authority areas.

It will set out very clearly the relationship between the city and the surrounding rural areas. The important point to be aware of is that both the evidence base and the development strategy will relate to the whole of the plan area as distinct from the individual local authority areas.

Depending upon what form the development strategy takes, the plan will still identify housing and employment numbers as well as policies for some, or indeed all, of the towns and villages in South Hams. The aim is for engagement with local communities during the summer and submission of the Joint Local Plan for Examination in the winter.

More and more local authorities around the country are producing Joint Local Plans, and it is certainly an approach that the Government is encouraging.

Members thanked Alan for his presentation and responses to questions raised.

The meeting then turned to the summary of responses received from returned Household Survey documents that everyone had received following the previous meeting. RC suggested that members focus on three or four priority issues as a way of simplifying and speeding up the process of completing the NP.

Kate Gill proposed that the members formed three Groups at the next meeting to consider the following proposed priorities:

1. Housing – 5 to 10 size development
2. Parking – Could this be combined with development
3. Infrastructure – Roads and Footpaths

RC advised members would need to consider setting up meetings with various stakeholders to discuss the issues of land availability for development, highway access and communication improvements, sewerage capacity, impact on the existing facilities, etc.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm

The next meeting will be 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.