

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**

**Present:** Cllr David Robertson, Cllr John Robinson, Cllr Matthew Lomas, Cllr Michael Constable, Dr Patrick Craig-McFeeley and Ms Rene Fullerton

**Apologies:** Cllr Charles Bowen and Mrs Thelma Caughey

Members of the Steering Group were welcomed to the meeting called to discuss membership of the Steering Group and advise on recent progress and future action.

Membership of Group. Since the formation of the Steering Group 2 members had left the village or resigned due to other commitments, namely James Robinson of East Street and Ms Joan Davies. It was agreed therefore to bring the numbers back up and in particular seek a replacement for James Robinson who had lived in East Street. Those who had originally shown interest in possibly joining the Steering Group would be re-approached, in particular Ms Sam Day from East Street. (She subsequently has agreed to become a member) and one or two others will be consulted.

Cllrs Robinson and Robertson explained the meetings which have been held with the owners and / or representatives of the SHLAA sites as well as owners of smaller plots of land currently outside the Building Boundary, to make contact and establish the owners agreement in principle as to whether they would wish to have their land included for small development within the Neighbourhood Plan. 5 plots have been offered in addition to the 3 SHLAA sites and one further large plot currently being processed as a SHLAA on the North West of the village above Home Farm. A meeting had also been held with the Manager of the Fonthill Estate to ensure that there is no duplication of supply of light industrial units particularly and also to agree in the broad term sufficient housing for local needs in both parishes to be provided mainly in Hindon

Both Councillors had attended a Roadshow run by CPRE on developing Neighbourhood Plans and had held a meeting with our Link Officer and from these Hindon were advised to develop Site Assessment surveys before going to the Parish for the public's views being sought on preferred selection of sites. Pro-Forma forms and completed samples of one of the SHLAA sites were circulated and the current offered sites marked on a large scale map of Hindon were viewed and discussed.

It was agreed that sub groups of the Steering Group would visit the sites and complete the Site Assessments forms and meet again to rank these sites for suitability before a Village Meeting would be held.

Dr Craig-McFeeley updated the group on the needs for the surgery to establish a site for a larger surgery with good parking, but that this would probably not be developed in the immediate future, but certainly would be required within the period of the Neighbourhood Plan covering 2006-2026 and therefore a suitable site should be included within the plan being developed.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.