



# Newbold Verdon PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP Held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 15:00pm

*Pursuant to the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) England Eales Regulations 2020 No. 392, this meeting was held via the online video conference call facility Zoom, with council members and the general public linking in online.*

**Chairman** Cllr Heather Davison

**Attendees:** Cllr J.Finney, Cllr Pletcher, Cllr Sheppard-Bools, Gary Kirk (Your Locale), Janet Sykes Terry Gallagher and Margaret and Dave Cope

**Clerk:** Mrs Josie Flavell

MINUTES		Action
<b>20/001</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
Tim Wright – apologies accepted.		
<b>20/002</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE/REPORT</b>	
<p>Cllr Davison reported that the Examiner stated that he's looked at the Plan and condition statement and that the process of the SEA and Regulation 14 were completed in the wrong order.</p> <p>Cllr Davison continued to state that the Steering Group are aware that the SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) was completed after Regulation 14.</p> <p>The Examiner's preliminary findings have concluded the Plan and documents are well put together and sound - there were no issues concerning this - it is purely a procedural issue due to the fact the SEA should have been completed with Regulation 14.</p>		
<b>20/003</b>	<b>HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATE</b>	
<p>a) The Steering Group and council members present considered the two options put forward by HBBC, i.e. withdraw the Plan altogether or repeating Regulation 14.</p> <p>b) All present unanimously voted to go ahead and repeat Regulation 14. This will be put to Council at its next meeting in May for approval and the Clerk will report in full to HBBC by 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020 latest.</p> <p>Cllr Davison will check with the Borough Council to see what is required to complete this correctly and to also ask if public consultation has to be repeated again.</p>		
<b>20/004</b>	<b>YOUR LOCALE UPDATE</b>	
<p>Mr Gary Kirk (NHP Consultant), gave his advice on how to proceed, stating it should only take around 6 weeks to complete and that given COVID-19, Regulation 14 and the Plan could be ready for re-submission by September.</p> <p>It will be more complex because of Covid-19 but does not stop us from writing to the list of national stakeholders and local people directly affected by the Plan, including people who own land and accommodation which are listed within the area.</p> <p>This needs to be communicated to the parish and ideally put in the village newsletter, including where copies of the Plan can be found.</p> <p>The Examiner will look to see we've done everything to ensure people are made aware of this and this needs to be demonstrated/evidenced.</p> <p>The Clerk is to keep hard copies of the Plan to send out to anyone who requests a copy and a copy can also be held at the Co-op and library when back open. Cllr Davison will hold a few copies also.</p>		

The new local plan may impact on the NHP but that is a couple of years away. The Borough Council have recently refused to give a housing target which may be an issue and we may need to review this in the Plan, but HBBC did approve the numbers in the Plan prior to this. They will also look at the Plan to ensure it is in line with their numbers. All other items should remain the same.

Mr Kirk also agreed to complete his work on the Plan for the original consulted fee of £2,000. The Clerk agreed to take this back to council for approval.

<b>20/005</b>	<b>NHP FINANCES</b>
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- a) It was reported there will be no extra financial implications.
- b) The amount required to complete the Plan is £2,000 as per minute reference 20/004.  
The Clerk will continue to look into grants to cover costs already paid and the future amount of £2,000.
- c) All present considered the £2,000 amount as reported by Gary Kirk and unanimously agreed to recommend this figure to the Parish Council for approval and continuation of the NHP.

<b>20/006</b>	<b>ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS</b>
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All present discussed the implications of the Government’s decision regarding elections and referendum, with the Clerk reporting that legislation has recently been passed by Parliament for these to be postponed until 06 May 2021.

Mr Kirk reported that the Government has confirmed and updated the guidance that they will have a significant wait in the planning system, so we need to get the Plan through examination. The Borough Council will take this into account, so we ought to go back through the Regulation 14 process as soon as possible.

***In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 15:47pm***

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....