

**Minutes of a Meeting of the NP Residents Working Group**  
**Held at 19.00 Hours on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**At Collingwood, Cannons Lane HBO**

Present: Kerry Stedman (KS), Mick Howarth (MS), Sue Brown (SB), Jonathan Diamond (JD), Alan Fisher (AF)

1. Actions from the Last Working Group Meeting

The Coffee and Cake Afternoon meeting took place and, including members of the WG, we had a total of 42 attendees.

Details of the work we were carrying out, including our Vision for the Future and Core Objectives were put on display and there was a lively question and answer session with many of our guests joining in.

It was agreed that another public meeting would be held in February or March, when we had more information to share (All).

We are still awaiting a final version of the parish history from the Hatfield Regis History Group.

2. Call for Sites Invitation

A total of 7 responses were received from our Call for Sites Invitation and an assessment of these sites is included with the minutes.

7 other potential sites were tabled, and it was agreed that contact would be made in early January with relevant Landowners/Developers to discuss options.

It was also agreed that the services of a Planning Consultant would be engaged as soon as possible. The role of the Planning Consultant would be to assess all options and, working with our Landscape Assessment and Design Code surveys (still to be received), together with our Community Survey, deliver the most sensible sites to allocate our required housing quota.

Alan will contact the Clerk to ascertain where we are in obtaining further funding or technical assistance from Locality to cover the cost of employing a Planning Consultant (AF).

Note: Subsequent to the meeting, a further site, which was inadvertently not forwarded to the Working Group has now been included on the schedule.

### 3. Website

A quotation to set up a dedicated website had been forwarded to the Group several days before the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that a website would become a powerful element of our community engagement process and should be instigated as soon as possible.

To ensure best value it was agreed that a further quotation would be obtained as soon as possible (MH).

### 4. Program Review

There was insufficient time available to review the program and this was deferred until the next Steering Committee meeting in January.

### 5. Date for the Next Meeting

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm. This will be a Steering Committee meeting open to the public.