

**Minutes of the meeting of the Maresfield Parish NDP/CLP Steering Group held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Parish Office, Nutley, at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr M Craddock (Chairman), Cllr Mrs L Reeves, Cllr Miss G Hallin, Cllr D Watson, Mr R Smith, Mr A Foskett, Clerk T Allen.

**A. Public session** – No members of the public were present.

**1. Apologies for absence** – Mr F Taylor, Mrs M Turner.

**2. Declarations of interests** –None.

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 - It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record of the meeting.**

**4. Matters arising from these minutes not covered under this agenda** – None.

**5. To discuss the current position regarding the Draft Plan:-**

**a. WDC** – The Chairman informed the meeting that, as reported by DCllr Lunn at the last Parish Council meeting, the production of the new WDC Local Plan will be delayed to allow its Planning Officers to take account of any additional requirements flowing from the Government's new Neighbourhood Planning legislation. The Chairman noted that, per DCllr Lunn, WDC had challenged the Lewes DC Local Plan for not making adequate provision for the protection of the Ashdown Forest.

**i. To discuss having a further meeting with WDC in view of the points raised in correspondence from Mr Taylor dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017** – The Chairman stated that he had no objection to holding a meeting with WDC, noting that the following matters would need to be included in the discussion:-

- Provision in the NDP to allow for the possibility of additional allocations of homes above the current Local Plan allocation of 50.
- Views on development in and around the Ashdown Forest regarding the nitrogen deposition situation over the term of the NDP to 2035; emissions could reduce as vehicle emissions/hybrid/battery technologies improve.
- The logistics and timings for producing the NDP.

**It was resolved** to hold a meeting with WDC; attendees to include Mr Taylor, Cllr Mrs Reeves and the Clerk.

**b. Locality: – Technical support to produce SEA, HRA & final NDP:-**

**i. AECOM – Review of Draft SEA Scoping Report** – The Clerk reported that he had asked Alastair Beattie for an update, now that the five-week consultation period for the SEA Scoping Report had finished. It was noted that the response from Natural England had been circulated to SG members and that this did not appear to be very helpful.

**ii. AECOM – Review of Draft HRA Scoping Report** – The email report from James Riley, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017, was noted and discussed. The Chairman highlighted the reference to the need for 'a suite of 'development control' type policies' to allow for the possibility of additional allocations of homes above the current Local Plan allocation of 50. It was noted that, with the recent experience of the Planning Inspector overriding the Newick PC NDP, these policies would have to be robust. In view of the term of the NDP (to 2035) policies for all three Wards in the Parish would be needed. **ACTION:** Clerk to look into this matter in more detail to identify requirements for the NDP.

