

Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group – Report to the Parish Council.

for the meeting of May 16th, 2019

At our Steering Group meeting on March 18th we had identified the need to get a better spread of members into the group, in particular, more Hambrook residents. We now have two new members from Hambrook, Phil Rose and Richard Weavis.

The group met on April 1st, 15th and 29th.

At the meeting on April 1st, we had a liaison meeting with representatives of Southbourne, Bosham and Fishbourne.

The Steering Group has been gathering information about potential sites, and views about our vision for the parish.

Troy Planning has been appointed as Consultant to the Group. On April 29th Jon Herbert and Rebecca Smith of Troy Planning had an initial meeting with CDC. The Local Plan timeframe is delayed but still uncertain and depends on the outcome of the consultation. This was followed by a tour of the parish with Steering Group members, and an initial workshop with the Steering Group in the Village Hall.

Grant Funding has been delayed. The national funding window for NP grant applications in 2019/20 has not yet been opened by the Government so that the PC has not been able to apply for the grants that are necessary to fund the NP. It is expected to open early to mid-May, but is not open (May 9th) yet. This is not holding us back, yet.

There has been some discussion on the terms of reference, and the PC is requested to approve a new version of the group's Terms of Reference.

Stephen Johnson
May 9th 2019