

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Hoxne Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group held on Thursday 18 February 2021 at 7.00 pm via video-conferencing

Present:

Cllr Rob Marsh-Feiley and Edward O'Connor, Caroline Abbott, Miche Henri, Kevin Prior, Graham Thornett, Langton Brook Consultants represented by Andy Robinson and Hoxne Parish Council Clerk.

1. Apologies – None.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 14 January 2021 were agreed and would be signed at the next appropriate meeting.
3. Working Group membership – Caroline Abbott had joined the Working Group as a member of the parish.
4. Development Sites – MH, RMF, AR and SF had met with the landowners of the two possible development sites. MH provided a report of the stages both sites were at in terms of coming forward for development.
Site E – the landowners were advanced in their plans for the development of this site but this development would be subject to the successful relocation of the current farming operation to new sites within the village (or near to). Environmental and traffic studies were currently taking place and the landowner would share the results with the Parish Council. Discussions also included retention or transfer of the 'green area' currently used by the primary school. The listed barn within the curtilage of the development site would be a stand-alone application for renovation.
Site F – had been dismissed from the Joint Local Plan call for sites due to access but it was suggested that the landowner had a dialogue with the owners of site E to explore shared access. Discussion also included the Hoxne Meadow site and whether the Parish Council would support development of this land and allocation of some as a wildlife/recreation area. It was confirmed that this site had not gained interest in the public consultation and was unlikely to be explored further for development. The Clerk would include interest in allotment sites in the next issue of the Village Voice magazine as these could be provided via the development of site F.
5. Supporting documents – the following was noted as an update on progress of these documents:
Landscape and Biodiversity – Suffolk Wildlife Trust had been commissioned (via grant funding) to complete a biodiversity study. Further work was required on landscape matters.
Heritage – was well advanced and nearing completion.
Infrastructure/Facilities – still needed to be completed
Consultation statement and supporting evidence - being completed by AR.
6. Local Green Spaces – KP would populate a template document for each of the proposed designations as LGSs.
7. Technical Support application – had been successful and the Clerk was waiting to hear from the AECOM appointed consultant to progress the design guide work.
8. Review of timetable – the timetable remained as circulated at the last meeting.
9. Other matters - None
10. Date of next meeting – to be agreed depending on AECOM availability.

The meeting was closed at 20.15.

Signed : _____ Chairman.