

## MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING 1

Thursday 22nd September 2016 10am  
Charing Parish Hall

1.	<p>Council and Committee Attendees: Jill Leyland, Hugh Billot, Chris Prinn, Tylden Reed, Jim Boot. Jo'Ann Munro, Jane Emblem Guest: Dan Carter ABC</p>
2.	<p>Welcome by HB, introduction to Neighbourhood Plan and Agenda</p>
3.	<p>Explanation by JB of Neighbourhood Plan with reference to a powerpoint presentation</p>
3.	<p>Presentation by DC explaining how NP and LP interacts, with reference to a powerpoint presentation. In particular, difference between old and new systems. Biggest challenge to identify and allocate enough land for housing The NP must confirm to the LP and to National Planning Policy (NPPF) – Evidence is key Questions arising from this presentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is currently in LP? Char1, Arthur Baker Playing Fields, Northdown Garage</li> <li>2. What is the position regarding the land owned by the Wheler Foundation? The foundation would like it included in the LP but at this stage ABC have made no decision as to whether the LP will accommodate it ABC have 3 options 1) to decide to allocate housing number to the rural area 2) take a lead to allocating sites strategically or 3) do not add any further sites</li> <li>3. What happens during the period of setting up the NP (around 2 years)? The Parish Council continue to deal with Planning Applications so it is important to get the NP pushed along as it gives a degree of certainty to future planning</li> <li>4. What can the NP include? It can encompass affordable housing, housing to downsize to, first homes etc. and provides negotiation around numbers putting the village in a stronger position</li> <li>5. When will the LP be produced? 3000 comments have been received. It will go to consultation in early summer. LP will be in place before NP</li> <li>6. What is the status of the NP? If it is in conformity with the LP they are equal. Part of NP will be to gather info to help PC get on the same page as ABC. It will be a work in progress which PC want to try to not conflict with LP/ABC. There are lots of completed plans, info and templates from other neighbourhoods we can tap in which will help us achieve this</li> <li>7. Has ABC got a number of houses in mind for Charing? No, the borough figure is 15,000 up to 2030. The vast majority are built or have planning applications submitted already</li> </ol>
4.	<p>JB explained the post it notes, what is working well already, what is “pants” and what are your dreams for the village</p>
5.	<p>JL explained that the exhibitions in the hall were the same both sides and attendees were invited to look at this, complete their post its and enjoy refreshments supplied by Rosebud</p>
6.	<p>JB gave feedback on the post its</p>

	<p>Good – community spirit, village feel, good businesses and facilities  Less Well – Parking (everywhere), no pub, lack of affordable housing, too many executive homes, lack of information about what is going on  Dreams – Keep village feel, keep its character, keep it compact but thriving.  Keep the heritage, particularly the palace. Move towards a pedestrian environment</p>
7.	<p>Further Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the Library going to be rebuilt/replaced/resited? The library will not be replaced unless there will be a substantial advantage to the community</li> <li>2. What's happening about the Oak? Application was refused, the applicant has said he will appeal but has not as yet. The Oak has been nominated as an asset of community value and this was not challenged. The prospective micro pub should not disadvantage the village if the appeal is lodged</li> </ol>
8.	<p>Close by HB who set out where we go from here  We need to form a steering committee with all ages and backgrounds over the next few weeks. The committee will digest the initial views and workshops will be organised later this year to gain further information. From that a questionnaire will be drafted and this will be sent to everyone in the parish so that views on everything can be given to help start draft the NP. Once drafted and agreed with ABC it comes back to the village to gain consensus by referendum. It's important not to conflict with ABC and DC is our direct link.  HB thanked the speakers and everyone for coming</p>
9.	<p>Attendees as evidenced by registration form (not including Council and Committee members) 64</p>