

MINUTES 7

Wednesday 23rd November 2016 7pm
Top Room Charing Parish Hall

1.	<p>Apologies: There were a number of apologies received before and on the evening of the meeting In attendance: Cllrs H Billot, J Leyland and C Prinn, Jim Boot and Jane Emblem (“the Admin”) and</p> <p>Douglas Gibb Stephen Prickett David and Marianne Mortlock David Bennett Alison Rogers Dennis Fryer Sarah Jenner Andy Sheppard Karen Saunders Simon Lake</p>
2.	<p>HB welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. It was acknowledged there had been several additional members to the SC since the inaugural meeting, namely John West, Steven Casson, Sarah Jenner and Stephen Pritchett and one resignation from Richard Carrison. The new members were agreed unanimously</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes 5 – 20th October Slight amendments to the TOR were agreed and made and the new TOR circulated to all Attachments to be sent in word and pdf format HB was to contact ABC for information on past developments. This was obtained and circulated to the Housing Task Group (it will also be put in the DropBox) HB was to obtain Challock’s document on Village Confines. This was obtained and circulated to the Confines Group (it will also be put in the DropBox) Minutes agreed and approved</p> <p>Matters Arising from Minutes 6 – 31st October JE was to circulate a guide to DropBox by email. This has been done (On this point it was agreed that the DropBox should have separate folders for each task group and for resources) Minutes Agreed and Approved</p>
4.	<p>Review Volunteers are required to collate the information gained from the SWOT analysis; David and Marianne Mortlock volunteered to assist Simon Lake. HB to forward information to JE for onward transmission. The PC are to meet with ABC to discuss the Position Statement. Research by JL has shown that the village is short of 3 bedroom properties and has more 4/5 bedroom properties than other villages. Comparing the census of 2001 with 2011 the main growth in bigger properties was from Charing Green The results of the workshops indicate we should agree to no more than 130 new properties. ABC have asked us to build 55 minimum plus 51 Orbit. We should therefore be in the range of 106-130 with 10-15 of these in CH. The 15 year plan</p>

	<p>would be 45 houses +/- 10% every 5 years with the preference for smaller sites of less than 10 properties to promote integration. 50% of all new housing to be "affordable". Sarah Jenner said that a certain amount of affordable housing should be social or to rent. JB said he would put a document on DropBox setting out the definition of affordable housing.</p> <p>HB and JL are to meet with the surgery and school ref their capacity. Point was made that Egerton School should also be approached as historically the children of Charing Heath go there</p> <p>Business development areas preferred came out as Northdown Garage and Morrisons site</p> <p>JB to tweek the position summary</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Report from Task Groups</p> <p>Questionnaire</p> <p>Met on Monday. JL has met with Headcorn. It had a mixed questionnaire online and paper. This appeals to the younger generation. 91.5% of people under 65 responded online. The analysis of the data with Survey Monkey very easy. Everyone over 14 also received a paper copy. Every household was given a number with the occupants coded. They found collection points worked better than patch workers. Analysis is on an anonymous basis. The next meeting is on 5th December. JL advised she would be resigning from the group</p> <p>Housing Research</p> <p>Has not progressed and will hopefully meet next week</p> <p>Confines Group</p> <p>First task will be to obtain a map. CH will be done first.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Future Activities</p> <p>A questionnaire was sent to businesses in the High Street. So far only 6 returned. There is a meeting at the surgery tomorrow to confirm its capacity</p> <p>Regarding the Wheler sites, Carter Jonas has made a presentation to PC regarding 345 houses in total. Including Poppyfields this would amount to a 40% increase in housing stock in the Charing Ward since 2011. They are planning to put an application in prior to Christmas. Regarding the Southern site, the representative confirmed that KCC were happy with the access. He said they are about to start talking to KCC about access to the northern site and have been talking to ABC regarding the sites "on and off for years"</p> <p>We have no idea why these sites have not been included in allocations previously.</p> <p>JL has emailed a number of questions to Richard Alderton, Charlie Simpkins and our ward councillor. The objective of the Wheler Foundation is to support rural and historic communities. It has two trustees, 1 is the CEO of Carter Jonas and he is also the Chair of the Wheler Trust.</p> <p>It was suggested to investigate installing pressure tubes to monitor the traffic. JB will forward the details. Would we also be able to install CCTV to monitor the A20 crossroads?</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>A communication program is being distributed tomorrow regarding the Oak</p> <p>JB said it was important that we feedback from the workshops and HB will prepare a press release.</p>

There are clear issues regarding parking. We need to identify parking areas and should set up a group in the new year; suggestions have been Picketts, Morrisons and part of the Archbishop's Palace.

The next meeting will be 12th January 2017 (now deferred to 26th January 2017) to approve the questionnaire and to set the test period and to catch up on the task groups