

WEST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
#14 Meeting
at 5.00 pm on Thursday 2nd March 2017
Venue: Parish Council Reading Room

Present: Councillors R Gustar, S Davis and T Kensett; Parish Clerk, Anna Chambers; Maureen Chaffe, Judy Fryer and Carolyn Kirby.

1. **Appoint Chairman for the meeting** - Bob Gustar was appointed
2. **Apologies for absence** - Apologies were received from Marshall Monks
3. **Declarations of interest** - The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee can only make proposals, not decisions on matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan so the need to withdraw from meetings or refrain from voting does not arise. Any such proposals will be referred to the parish council for decision.
4. **Review of BIO-DIVERSITY**

The aim being to protect key wildlife corridors across the Parish.

Following review and discussion of maps of West Chiltington, bio-diversity corridors were plotted on the map of the parish.

- A 15m buffer to be requested on either side of bio-diversity corridors
- An additional policy to be included stating that any new vineyards must include a buffer for a bio-diversity corridor.
- Any future land being transferred from agricultural to vinicultural should ensure retention and improvement of natural hedgerows and trees.
- Nyetimber to be contacted to request plan re planting of replacement trees
Action - MC
- Need to keep a record of all wildlife sightings - MC to send info regarding
i-record to go in to Bulletin/newsletters. **Action - MC/AC**

5. **To consider use of the remaining consultancy hours available with AiRS**

AiRS to be asked to review their original Housing Needs Survey to comply with the AECOM Housing Needs Assessment for Neighbourhood Plan document provided by HDC.

Action - MM

6. Identify & agree next steps

Housing - to be continued, 9 sites still to be reviewed

Getting Around - promoting sustainable movement

Policies were reviewed -

- Footpaths need to be wheelchair/pushchair accessible - no stiles etc
- Cycle path network to be removed from policies as not feasible
- Need to address school parking

Leisure & Community -

Policies were reviewed

- Support for independent living and care homes/warden assisted - garage site to be suggested
- Assets of Community Value - some site information still to be given to MC and forms yet to be completed
- Local Green Space - currently have
 - Monkmead Woods
 - West Chilton Recreation Ground
 - Church Field
 - Primary School Playground
 - St Mary's Church Graveyard
 - Church Meadow
- Local Green Spaces - to be agreed, please let MC know of any new areas to be identified.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th March 2017 at 5.00pm - Employment & Enterprise, finish Housing.