

Minutes of Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
Tuesday 24th October 2023 8pm.

Present: Lewis Coomber, Cara Fitzgerald, Jane Fitzgerald, Julie Franklin, Martin Franklin, Brenda Layton, Donna Johnson, Ben MacLean, Sue Meyer, Val McKirdy, Keith Summerford, Lorraine Talbot, Robert Wingard.

Apologies: Stefan Burkwood, Chrissie Stanley, John Stephens.

Welcome and introductions: This being the inaugural meeting of the LHNP Steering, Group attendees were welcomed, thanked for attending and each person present introduced themselves. Contact details of those attending were confirmed.

Steering Group overview: Details of what the Steering Group will be doing and the relationship with LH Parish Council was explained. Attendees received a document prior to the meeting which gave details about the Steering Group, the need to represent the Community, frequency of meetings and there was a chance to ask questions related to this. The relevant skills and experience that would be useful to the Steering Group were outlined and members were asked to send an email to littlehallingburyNP@hotmail.com if they wished to provide details of such.

Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan: The relationship between the LHNP and the Uttlesford Local Plan was explained. The LHNP must address the development and use of land. Projects that cannot be delivered through the planning system should be an appendix or sub-section of the main neighbourhood plan.

Residents Questionnaire Results: The results and responses received were shared with the Steering Group. The final number of response was 182, a marvellous result. The questionnaire was delivered to 650 households and businesses in Little Hallingbury between 15th and 18th September 2023. As the deadline for submission was 23rd Oct, response received in the last few days have still to be collated. This will be done over the next shortly. The trends which have emerged from the data collated so far are:

- The Village Environment and sense of Community are what residents like most about living in Little Hallingbury. Followed by the good transport links, local walks and being close to other towns.
- When asked what should be improved, most residents stated 'a reduction of speeding traffic through the Village'. Followed by improvements to existing facilities e.g. Shop, Pub, Post office. A children's play area, control of building and preservation of the Green Belt, improved maintenance of paths and hedges were also mentioned.
- When asked what the LHNP should tackle, the largest majority stated speeding traffic. This was followed by control of building and preservation of the Green Belt, improved maintenance of paths and hedges and reduction of noise pollution from aircraft and the M11 were also mentioned.

There are also other topics which have been mentioned and all responses will now be analysed and a more detailed report produced. Discussion took place on the themes emerging from the residents questionnaire feedback. It was noted that Essex County Council Highways are responsible for any changes to traffic management on the existing network. An update was given on projects already being undertaken by LH Parish Council, speed watch volunteers, Truecam and a meeting scheduled with the ECC Highways Liaison Officer regarding speeding.

Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Objectives. In order to develop the LHNP we must first have a clear idea of what we want to achieve. The vision and objectives will provide the framework for the LHNP. The vision will be developed from the comments and feedback provided by those who live and or work in the village in the Residents Questionnaire. These comments will be collated and distributed for Steering Group members to each formulate a vision statement distinct for our Village based on the views and opinions received. There should be a clear link between the issues identified by residents and the vision, objectives and policies in the LHNP.

Next Steps. Develop a vision, objectives, policies and proposals. Identify options with the most support.

Next meeting: Little Hallingbury Village Hall CM2 7RD 8pm Tuesday 28th November 2023.