

**Minutes of Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
Wednesday 12th Feb 2025 7.30pm.**

Present: Brenda Layton, Val McKirdy, Sue Meyer, Keith Summerford, Robert Wingard. Nicky Joshua RCCE.
Apologies: Cara Fitzgerald, Jane Fitzgerald, Donna Johnson,

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Feedback from meeting with UDC on revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Dec 2024 and any effect on Local Plan. The emerging UDC Local Plan is being treated as an 'exception' and as such can adhere to pre 2024 NPPF rules and no revisions are required. However, once the new Local Plan is adopted, scheduled for Spring 2026, the new Dec 2024 NPPF rules will apply and UDC anticipate undertaking a further Local Plan exercise as soon as the current emerging Plan is adopted.

It was suggested that our NP should include reference to Sect 106 monies for Community benefit on any developments which might take place. It was agreed to add this to the NP and to consult as to whether this is achieved via a policy or otherwise.

Feedback from Planning Consultant on LHNP Vision, Objectives and Policy Intentions. The NP working party met on 4th Feb to review the feedback and recommendations received from the Planning Consultant (PC). The decisions made by the working party were agreed.

LHNP Vision - minor amendments to wording agreed.

LHNP Objectives – minor amendments to wording agreed. It was decided to review the Heritage and Climate Change Objective wordings once the LHNP Policies have been finalised.

LHNP Policy Intentions – Evidence already in place to support Landscape policies was reviewed and considered to be good. Several NP policies were viewed as taking a good approach and others will be reviewed to see if an alternative approach is more relevant for LH. Duplication of policies which exist elsewhere have been pointed out and amendments made.

We are very grateful for the work undertaken to review the LHNP and the advice we have received.

Renewable Energy Policy: Details of a possible LHNP Plan Policy to support Climate Change initiatives was discussed. It was decided to include a policy which sets out in what circumstances a renewable energy scheme would be acceptable.

Non-Designated Heritage Assets List: (Otherwise known as locally listed buildings.)

We have been made aware of the UDC Non-Designated Heritage Assets List held by UDC. Our Village has over 60 nationally listed buildings but does not currently have any Non-Designated Assets on the UDC list. A number of local heritage assets were suggested to be put forward for consideration: Charterhouse Burial ground gate, Letter Box at Gaston Green, Gaston Green Chaple, Village War Memorial, Canadian War Memorial and Mrs Barclay Fountain Gaston Hill.

Further Evidence Gathering updates:

Business Survey: Ongoing.

Community Facilities Survey: Of the 6 facilities identified 4 have been completed.

Biodiversity: email sent to request contact name for person dealing with Essex LNR. chased 7th Feb.

Local Green Spaces: Still to be completed.

Village Views March Edition: Update of recent work on LHNP and request for those with an interest in Wildlife, Biodiversity and Climate Change initiatives to assist the Steering Group, to be included.

Annual Parish Meeting: It was agreed to give an update on the LHNP at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tues 11th March at 8pm and to update the display information to give residents information on progress to date.

Working Party Meeting to discuss Landscape Assessment work: Thursday 13th March 2pm Village Hall.

NEXT LHNP STEERING GROUP MEETING: Monday 17th March 2025 7.30pm Little Hallingbury Village Hall.