

## **Minutes of Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cara Fitzgerald, Steve Gardiner, Brenda Layton, Val McKirdy, Sue Meyer, Keith Summerford, Robert Wingard. **Apologies:** Jane Fitzgerald, Donna Johnson.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Agreed.

### **Matters arising not covered elsewhere:**

- The LHNP website has now been updated.
- Locality Grant for 2025/26 is unlikely to be available until July 2025 at the earliest.
- Budget available for remainder of the LHNP work was discussed.

### **Updates from working parties:**

Local Green Spaces (LGS) Working Party Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April: The Steering Group agreed that whilst LH is in the Green Belt and the LGS designation gives protection similar to Green Belt protection, the LGS designation could still provide additional safeguards and reflect the community, historic, beauty and wildlife value of the areas concerned. The assessment of the LGS's is progressing and will be reviewed again at a working party meeting on 16th June.

Design, Layout and Content of LHNP Working Party Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> May: The method of production of the documentation was discussed and the various sections of the LHNP were allocated to Steering Group members to work on. This will be discussed again at a working party on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### **PARISH Councillors Briefing:**

Parish Council has a clear role as the Neighbourhood Plan approaches the final stages; in appointing the examiner of choice, checking, and approving the draft plan, which must be ratified and formally minuted at a PC meeting, and encouraging voting. A number of Councillors were briefed on this and the LHNP Design Policy, on 27<sup>th</sup> May. A further meeting is scheduled in June for those Councillors unable to attend the first session.

**Heritage Policy:** The LHNP policy has been drafted and the NDHA's sent off to UDC for their assessment and consideration for including on the NDHA Local List.

### **Further Evidence Gathering:**

- Business Survey to be completed.
- Community Facilities Survey Completed
- Biodiversity – Meeting to discuss the Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (ELNRS) has been arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**RCCE Presentation on Climate Change:** Neighbourhood Plans are instrumental in shaping local responses to climate change, offering tailored solutions that align with national objectives while addressing specific community needs. A number of useful resources were given in the RCCE presentation and in particular examples of other NP climate change policies. This subject will be looked at in more detail.

**DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS** Working Party Meeting to discuss Locally Important Views and Local Green Spaces. **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall Meeting room.

Working Party Meeting to discuss LHNP document production and review content produced **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm** followed by Steering Group Meeting **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 8.30pm.**