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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LITTLE HALLINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025, BEGINNING AT 20.00, IN THE VILLAGE HALL

25/111. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Val McKirdy reported that briefings for Parish Councillors took place to explain the Parish council's role in Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan (LHNP) and provide an opportunity for open discussion and questions.

Steering Group has led the LHNP process, going forward the Parish Council (PC) will become more involved. PC remains the qualifying body (QB) for preparing the plan and proposing it to the Local Authority.

Work on gathering evidence, undertaking surveys and producing reports is nearing completion. Currently policies are being developed, and work has started on writing the plan document.

Regulation 14 of the NP process is part of the government's 2012 NP Regulations. This requires the draft neighbourhood plan proposal to be the subject of a pre-submission consultation before it is submitted to the local authority for independent examination. The Plan will then be submitted for public consultation, independently examined and then go to a referendum. If supported by 50% of voters, the plan will be adopted. Ongoing implementation and use of the plan will be responsibility of the Parish Council.

A brief overview of Design Codes Policy followed: what design codes are, why they are important for our community and how are they approached in the plan.