

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW STEERING GROUP (NPRSG)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 2025

By Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parish Council

Louise Davies (LD), Andrew Jackson (AJ)

Community Member

Keith Charman (KC), Sheena Overington (SO)

The meeting opened at 7.34pm. This was an informal meeting to re-establish contact and to discuss next steps. The Local Plan examiner's initial report as well as the Chichester District Council (CDC) All Parishes Meeting presentation slides had previously been circulated.

Local Plan: The examiner's initial report and the possible implications were discussed. Modifications were required to make the Plan sound which would be on consultation.

Devolution: It was unknown how this would impact upon the NP process. As details were confirmed, it would hopefully become clearer. It was known that District and Borough Councils would no longer exist from May 2028.

Next Steps: It was agreed not to press ahead until CDC had, at least, published the modifications. It was anticipated that the housing number had not been reduced, but clarity was required. On confirmation, an initial meeting with CDC was required to confirm the consultation process and whether the sustainability criteria had changed which would allow Newpound to be considered. The only work that could possibly be undertaken were site assessments for new sites. It was agreed that LD should email Valerie Dobson, CDC Policy Officer, who has previously supported the NP process, to ascertain a likely timeline.

LD confirmed that the available grant funding had been exhausted for the last process but hopefully the supporting documents, such as the Habitat Regulations Assessment, would be offered as a Locality support package. The Parish Council had made budget provision to engage a planning consultant and cover consultation costs to complete the process.

Date of Next Meeting: To be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8 pm.