

**HORTON & WRAYSBURY
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Meeting, Tuesday, October 21, 2014

at Wraysbury Village Hall

Present from Steering Group: Andrew Davies, Margaret Lenton, Peter Lord, Diana Hughes, Fred Parsons. Apologies: Samantha Rayner.

Also present: Julie Gomme, Brian Whiteley (Planning Aid).

Finance

AD reported that he had heard from Locality/Planning Aid that they had agreed a Direct Support Grant. This would support consultation advice from Planning Aid and other expenditure as required.

It was hoped that there would be further funds available through DCLG shortly which would help finance the specialist expert needed to write the plan.

He also said representatives of our Steering Group attended the borough's networking event on October 14, which was very informative, especially the talks on stakeholder engagement, policy writing and how a plan should conform to strategic policies.

Publicity

AD said that distribution of the second community-wide leaflet drop, reminding of the importance of taking part in the Questionnaire, had now been completed.

Publicity posters had also been delivered to all shops for display and put in the council notice boards. AD had also arranged for the local newsagent to put 300 inserts into his newspaper delivery round.

FP reported that he had arranged with Splash Studios to create a banner publicising the online Questionnaire which had gone up on the playground fence in the centre of the village facing the road.

He had also arranged for Wraysbury Action Group's 135 members to be emailed with the poster and also Old Ferry Drive Residents Assn would be contacted. To cover young families, the main village Pre-School group's clients were circulated.

DH would be liaising further with the Scouts on a project and ML would be in touch with the Wraysbury Players for further publicity.

Planning Aid

BW then gave an explanation to the group how Planning Aid would assist in working with Horton & Wraysbury on their Plan.

He felt we had covered quite a lot in publicising the plan to residents, but suggested we considered who might be left to target. Local businesses needed to be involved in the process – suggestion of setting up a focus group meeting, or alternatively talking with them one to one to seek views on operating issues, and customer base.

Landowners too should be approached. PL added that a communications database could be set up.

Consider also what open spaces and footpaths network could be protected.

Items that might not fall within the statutory part of the plan could be included to be tackled as 'projects' – eg, health and transport issues – and could form a long-term vision of something residents want to achieve.

BW said we do need to have a time plan – a direction of travel. He would liaise with our RBWM link officer Phil Gill to discuss what data might be available, information on business organisations and any townscape character assessments for our area.