

Lamberhurst Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee
Tuesday 22nd January 2019 The Chequers 8pm

Steering Group Members in Attendance	
Graham White (GW) - Chair	x
Robin Musgrove-Wethey (RMW)	x
David Ward (DW)	
Andy Cotterill (AC)	x
Lynn Mercer (LM)	x
David Little (DL)	x
David Hurst-Brown (DHB)	x
Sam Nicholas (SN)	
Clive Stott (CS)	x
Marcus Deguigand (MG)	x
Others In Attendance	
John Mottershead (JM) - Secretary	x
Jim Boot (JB)	x

1. Apologies for absence

David Ward

Sam Nicholas

2. Chairman's report

a. Policy writing training follow up (February 2nd)

GW – Will there be enough takers for this training session?

RMW – What do we learn from these sessions and do we need them?

GW – We learn how to write the policies. They need to be structured in a positive way rather than a negative.

JB – I am creating a directory of NP policies for a number of different villages.

GW – It seems that the session on the 2nd is not required.

b. Neighbourhood Plan draft outline

GW – I circulated a draft outline a couple of days ago.

DHB – There is nothing in there about tourism. GW agreed.

DHB – DW suggested that development of tourism should be supported by the plan.

JB – Does this need a whole section, or should it be a sub-section of business?

AC – There are no signs directing visitors to Scotney from the village.

GW – Besides the issue of tourism, is everybody ok with the draft structure and if so, is there any reason we cannot produce a first draft in 4 weeks. All agreed.

JB – Suggested having a look at the Cuckfield plan as a good example. It would be a good idea to look at policies and see what makes them specific to Lamberhurst; as opposed to just generic policies.

GW – DL and LM, are you still ok to be spell-checkers/editors – in-chief? Agreed.

c. Action timetable (January-June 2019)

GW – A number of steps will be needed along the way. Not necessarily meetings; but quick agreements etc.

We have a meeting booked with TWBC on 26th February; and so far we have been pretty much in accord with their views.

DHB – When the TWBC plan comes out; would it be a good idea to have some sort of public meeting?

GW – Is everybody happy to move on with writing the plan?
Agreed.

3. Working Group Chair's reports

a. Character and Design - AC

b. Business – DHB

LM has done a good job drafting the initial policy.

c. Environment and Open Spaces – AC

d. Infrastructure and Transport - CS

DW and I had a meeting last week and drafted our policies.

DHB – Have you had much discussion about the water and sewage situation?

CS – We haven't, mainly because Southern Water tell us that they have a statutory responsibility to address new development issues.

e. Media and Communications

SN not here to present an update, but it seems the recent 'lego' session went well.

f. Housing sub-group - GW

GW – Hoping to get together with the Parish Council to share views with them.

4. Detailed Housing Needs Survey Update
A few cynical remarks but basically good feedback to date.
5. Any other business
GW – Proposes next meeting be re-scheduled to 26th February. All agreed.

Meeting closed at 21:05