

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2026  
IN THE PARISH LIBRARY AT 2.00PM**

**1. PRESENT**

Chris Alford (Chairman), Gary Andrews, Glenn Back, Stephanie Cassidy, David Conroy, Gerald Cramp and Mark Healey.

In attendance : Councillor Laurence Glander, Chairman of Hartley Parish Council

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Jim Colwell, Stephen Goss, Tracy Longley and Ian Ross

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GROUP HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026.**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

**5. REVIEW OF PROGRESS WITH THE PLAN.**

It was reported that the Parish Council had formally approved the draft Plan at its meeting in February.

The arrangements for the Regulation 14 Consultations had been delayed due to the receipt, from Sevenoaks DC, of a number of informal Officer comments to the draft Plan. The Planning Consultant, Derek Stebbings, had recommended responding to the consultations before the Reg 14 Consultations were launched and he assisted in the preparation of a response, which had now been sent to Sevenoaks.

## **6. FORWARD PROGRAMME**

Gary reported that he had updated the draft Plan taking into account the revisions contained in the correspondence with Sevenoaks DC, which, in many cases related to amendments to the planning rules introduced by the change of Government.

The Group felt that it was now appropriate to proceed with the Reg 14 Consultations and

**RESOLVED that the following three proposals be approved-**

**(i) the six week Reg 14 Consultation period to run from 20<sup>th</sup> April to the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.**

**(ii) the work list, for the period prior to the start of the Consultation, shall be as set out in the Appendix to these minutes and (iii) the Group Members, named against items on the work list, to take responsibility for progressing those items.**

## **7. LOCAL GREEN SPACES**

As agreed at the last meeting, letters had been sent to the owners named, on the schedule of Local Green Spaces, of the intention to designate land in their ownership, as a Local Green Space in the draft Plan. Such designation gave protection against development but did not give access rights to the land or alter the rights of the owner.

Two objections to the proposed designations had so far been received from land owners.

**Resolved: that the objections be dealt with alongside responses from the Reg 14 Consultations**

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 2pm**

The Meeting finished at 3.40 pm