

FAWKHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8TH 7:30 AT FAWKHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attendees: Laura Evans, Lawrence Moss, David Mansfield, James Cherry

1. Apologies for absence: Laura Marchant, Duncan Harker, Natalie Fox
2. Members of the public: None present
3. Minutes of the 9th meeting: Agreed by all
4. Update on SDC's Local Plan, as context for the Neighbourhood Plan: FPC made a response to the Reg 18 consultation on urban areas; a further Reg 18 consultation covering Green Belt areas is expected this autumn. The Government's proposed changes to the NPPF, Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policy were briefly discussed.
5. Update on evidence base: The workplan was discussed, and the following reports were signed off:
 - Open Spaces
 - Views
 - Local Economy
 - Biodiversity: natural assets
 - Surface water flooding report
 - Informal Outdoor Recreation

The evidence base is now complete.

6. Next steps with the Neighbourhood Plan preparation: Work will now begin on drafting the Neighbourhood Plan document and the policies it contains. A draft structure will be discussed at the next meeting - members are asked to provide their availability for possible dates.
7. Community engagement: Proposals for the Consultation and Engagement Programme were discussed and agreed for the Regulation 14 consultation process, which will include drop in session(s), a questionnaire, alongside a further leaflet to all houses and a stall at the church fete 24.6.23 publicising these. Members are asked to provide their availability for various dates.
8. Budget: The budget was reviewed and the Steering Group agreed to recommend to FPC payment of invoice v4 from Tony Fullwood Associates.
9. Items for the next agenda and date of next meeting: Potential projects arising from the Neighbourhood Plan will be discussed at the next meeting, along with the draft structure of the Plan document, and plans for the Regulation 14 consultation. The next meeting will be held towards the end of March/early April.