Steering Com. Meeting notes – Dated 9th November 2026

6.10 pm Start, Concluded 7.35pm

Attendees - JF - Clerk, Cllrs Bell, Sharp, M Alexander, Ballance, Trundle.
Murray Van der Poll , Paul Cotton, Russell Barnes, Andrew Metcalfe

- NPPF Changes significant
- There are material considerations
- N.Plans remain important – for extra local detail
- N. Plans remain a tool for making appropriate development in the appropriate places
- Changes include new guidance for policies involving Climate Change etc.
- Work on basis that new local plan is same as emerging plan
- Zero in on two emerging plans from HDC & SDNP
- Do not need STC N Plan to contribute to any Housing Targets, as not in these plans
- Infilling is always going to be encouraged
- Phase 1 - Light touch and design codes remains important to continue with
- Plans should be reviewed every five years anyway
- Phase II - Wider review needing to involve Housing Allocation & therefore new 'Call for sites'
- Need to pursue Reg 14 as soon as possible
- ONS to be reengaged with
- Design Codes – A need to fill in gaps, then send off and get first draft back
- Consultation to involve Door to Door (possible leaflet or Your Steyning) and STC Socials
- To start if possible in January
- Walking and Cycling plan to be included
- EV Charging need updating radically
- New NPPF policy will again require review by Squires
- Consultation Questions related to rating the standard of for e.g. Health Care, Twittens, Public Transport, Sports provision (not Sewage and Water infrastructure or wider concerns)
- Try and keep questions non leading within consultation – as this is good practice
- Incorporate with STC strategic plan a programme of Neighbourhood Plan revision to ensure the plan is updated every 5 years.

Two Recommendations to Full Council as follows:-

1. Cllr Bell **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Sharp that the Steering Committee proceed to complete phase 1 of the Neighbourhood Plan revision, and that this would require a review of the current plan against the Developing Local Plan, the NPPF and the National Park Policies, to render it compliant with current regulations (inc. taking it through to Regulation 14 Public Consultation using door to door publicity, and STC social media with Steering Committee to agree questions posed). **Agreed – unanimous**

2. Cllr Bell **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Sharp that the Clerk be delegated authority to work with Andrew Metcalfe (Squires) to draft a letter with the aim of gaining agreement from Bramber Parish Council concerning the STC Neighbourhood Plan in recognition of the redesignation of the Parish Boundary. **Agreed - Unanimous**