

Staplehurst Parish Council - Report

Committee, Group or Sub Group

Rural Settlement Group (RSG)

Meeting Date & Venue

15th February 2012 – 8 pm at Village Centre

Report Author - **John Kelly**

1. Introductions

Attending were, Margaret Arger (MA), Tom Burnham (TB), Joan Buller (JB), John Kelly (JK), Paul Kelly (PK), Robin Kenworthy (RK), Steve Lenham (SL), Colin Love (CL), Robin Oakley (RO), John Perry (JP) and David Staunton Lambert (DSL).

No new members to the group.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Simon Green (SG).

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Actions arising:-

Gleeson Homes and Miller Homes Invitation

JK had taken the matter back to Full Council and it was agreed that they could present to Full Council, in public. It was imperative that Staplehurst Parish Council (SPC) heard what they had to say about future development

List of Listed Buildings

JB and RO were about to complete the list and would forward in due course.

Engagement with Parade Owners

JK had taken this back to Full Council and it had been discussed at length by the Policy Group. JP was about to send correspondence to establish current ownership and responsibilities reference site. Ongoing.

List of Industrial Outlets at Lodge Road

PK continues to work on this and will forward in due course.

DSL asked whether the Sunday Market had been considered under Retail at the previous meeting.

Action - After some discussion it was agreed that JK would amend the 'Where we want to be...' list and include the Sunday Market.

The minutes were approved.

4. Membership of Group – Update re Representation and Dates for 2012

There were no changes to the current membership as at Appendix A. The next meeting was scheduled for the 14th March 2012, a date which JK was unavailable for. The group decided for the purposes of continuity that the meeting should be moved to the 21st March 2012 so that JK could continue to Chair.

5. Gleeson Homes and Miller Homes Invitation to Meet re Hen & Duckhurst Farm Development

See 3 above

Further Action – JK to establish which Full Council Meeting they will present at and notify RSG.

6. Supermarket Update

DK Holdings - Sainsbury's Planning Applications – update

MBC had informed JK that it was unlikely that the Sainsbury's application would be heard before the end of March 2012. See <http://www.sainsburys-staplehurst.co.uk/index.html> for ongoing information.

Noted that Sainsbury's had submitted a planning application for a new petrol station at the old Esso site.

Tesco Planning - update

It was noted that Tesco had now submitted their Planning Application.

7. MBC Core Strategy – update

MBC plan to hold a post consultation conference on the 29th February 2012. The invitation to this event was for one person per community. The Full Council had already voted that JK attend for the Parish.

The RSG expressed concern that the post consultation was limited in this way and wanted to know why others who might have responded could not attend.

Action – JK to contact MBC and establish why the limitations on numbers.

8. Neighbourhood Planning – update Nothing to report.

9. Community Infrastructure Levy – update Nothing to report.

10. Staplehurst Neighbourhood Plan

The RSG continued to look at 'where we want to be' by 2026, focusing on Housing.

Considerable discussion took place on this area, as it was a key area of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The following areas were highlighted for Housing

- Housing Development to have taken place in accordance with MBC Core Strategy 2013.
- Housing numbers have not gone beyond the Spatial DPD 2013 recommended number of
- Ensured that Housing 'Pipeline numbers have been monitored and are accurate.
- Reduced urban sprawl through the establishment of an urban growth boundary.
- All Housing Development has taken place in accord with the Village Design Statement (VDS)
- Ensured all Housing Development has specific regard to building materials/design as per VDS.
- Ensured all new Housing Development has been allocated suitable Parking Provision.
- Maintained a positive working relationship with MBC to ensure local provision is met.
- Secured sufficient housing stock which is available at a cost low enough for people to afford, determined with regard to local incomes and house prices.
- Achieved 'Landlord' status for Parish Council and secured local affordable housing.
- Retained such properties for future eligible households or if restrictions are lifted, for any subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision.

Education and Community Buildings was deferred to the next meeting.

Any other business

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

Next Meeting – 21st March 2012

Staplehurst Rural Settlement Group

Meeting – 8pm on 15th February 2012

Village Centre, Staplehurst

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the last meeting
4. Membership of Group and Dates for 2012
5. Gleeson and Miller Proposal - update
6. Supermarket Update
 - DK Holdings/Sainsbury's Planning Applications – update
 - Tesco Planning Application - update
7. MBC Core Strategy – update
8. Neighbourhood Planning – update
9. Community Infrastructure Levy – update
10. Staplehurst Neighbourhood Plan - Where do we want to be in 2026?
Look at cluster around:-
 - Housing
 - Education
 - Community Buildings (replacing Public Buildings)
11. Any other business

Appendix A

Staplehurst Rural Settlement Group - 2012

Meetings are normally held on a monthly basis, between Parish Council Meetings

Meetings start at 8pm at the Village Centre, unless otherwise informed.

Wednesday 21st March 2012

Wednesday 11th April 2012

Wednesday 9th May 2012

Wednesday 13th June 2012

Wednesday 11th July 2012

Wednesday 15th August 2012

Wednesday 12th September 2012

Wednesday 10th October 2012

Wednesday 14th November 2012

Wednesday 12th December 2012

Additional meetings may be arranged pending activity re Neighbourhood Plan.

Existing members of SRS as at 15th February 2012 – in alphabetical order:

- Margaret Arger – Resident
- Tom Burnham - Councillor
- Joan Buller - Councillor
- Simon Green - Councillor
- John Kelly – Councillor (Chair)
- Paul Kelly - Councillor
- Robin Kenworthy – Resident
- Roy Laming – Resident
- Steve Lenham - Resident
- Colin Love - Resident
- Robin Oakley – Resident
- Glen Pearce - Retailer
- John Perry – Councillor
- Bill Piper – Resident
- David Staunton Lambert - Resident