

Sellindge Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes of the Meeting held on

Monday 28th April 2025 at 7pm

in the Durling Hall, at the Village Hall

1. Welcome and apologies

Present 8 – which included members of the Steering Committee, members of the public and Parish Councillors.

Apologies received from 3 people.

2. Minutes of last meeting (held on 31st March 2025)

One outstanding query remains regarding the Call for Sites (and the 2nd call). The Chairman reiterated the need to have sight of the list of potential sites that have come forward to ensure they are considered in the NHP. A further action was taken by BE to contact FDHC to get a contact. AECOM have also been contacted and further progress is expected before the next meeting when they return from holiday.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were then approved.

3. Draft report of NHP presented by JB

JB presented a slide show on the current draft of the NHP. The group reviewed the draft plan and several areas were identified for further amendments. The Local Green Spaces section should be expanded if possible and an action was taken to locate the “Millenium Guide” (part of the Sellindge Parish Plan) and send through to JB to review. The Chairman also will draft a possible Foreward to the NHP and send through to JB for review.

The Transport section was discussed and it was agreed that it needs further comments and recommendations on bus routes and the dependence placed on such services by affordable housing residents as well as older people and working people alike. A more detailed paragraph on car ownership and bus routes and frequency of bus services needs to be added.

Coalescence and the need to “separate/ protect” specific areas of the village – such a Stone Hill and Barrow Hill – with the use / protection of open spaces and vistas was discussed. The section on Environment and Sustainable Development requires further work.

Going forward it was agreed that JB would circulate the most up to date version of the NHP which would then be emailed to all Steering Group members as a word document.

JB requested that all comments be submitted back to him by Monday 12th May. JB would then aim to revise the main document with newly submitted comments in time for review at the next meeting.

JB and the Chairman will chase up AECOM for the draft of Design Codes as well as plan to set up a meeting with FDHC to engage and review the early draft NHP.

Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of this Group will take place on **Monday 2nd June at 7pm.**

4. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 8.34pm