

STAPLEHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW GROUP

Minutes of meeting held on 26th July 2024 at 7.00pm

1. **Present**, Cllr. Margaret Arger, (MA) Chairman, Robin Oakley, (RO) Secretary, Cllr. Adele Sharp (AS), Cllr. Richard Ash (RA), Mrs. Joan Buller (JB), Mr. Tom Burnham (TB), Cllr. Bill McLaughlin (BM) Mr. Colin Love (CL)
2. **Apologies:** Cllr. Richard Ash (RA), Alison Eardley (AE) Mr. Joris Eerdeken (JE), Cllr. John Perry.
3. **Minutes of Meeting held on 7th June 2024:** Noted.
4. **Matters arising.** None.
5. **Open Day, 6th July.** TB reported that the Open Day had been successful and useful, although not well attended. There were approximately 20 attendees but attendance was poor from the probable cause of two important sports events on TV. As a result the event ended at 4.30pm whereas it had been planned to go on until 6.30pm. There was some good feedback from those who did attend and this was noted by AE who was in attendance throughout the event. Attendance was drawn to shortcuts and links but many of the comments were repeats of the replies given in the recent Residents' Survey.
6. **Comments on the emerging policies.** After the Open Day AE produced a document listing comments on the emerging policies. This document was discussed and a list of comments are shown as an Appendix to these minutes.
7. **Important current planning applications.** At the request of the Parish Clerk attention was drawn to two current planning applications which were before the Council's Planning Committee on Monday 22nd July, These involve a new solar farm proposed for Mathurst Farm, Goudhurst Road, and a change of use for Knoxbridge Farm which if successful would involve a change of use from egg farming and the site being used for commercial uses within classes B2 and B8. After discussion the Planning Committee had recommended that MBC should be asked to refuse both applications. The Planning Reference Nos. are 24/502235 and 24/502793 respectively. Group members are kindly asked to familiarise themselves with both the applications,

8. Any other business. There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

9. Dates of future meetings are agreed as follows: -
15th August, 5th September & 3rd October

Robin Oakley

29 July, 2024