**HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (HNP) STEERING GROUP**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th March 2021 at 18.30 via Zoom**

PRESENT:Janice Brotherton (JB), Duncan Farrington (DF),, Martyn Leonard (ML), Nick Pollard (NP – Chair),Maggie Priest (MP), Ros Sheppard (RS)

ALSO PRESENT: Claire Bradley (CB)

APOLOGIES: Jonny Gunthorpe, Savitri Pollard, Eli Farrington

MINUTES The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

**Progress** CB confirmed that she would prepare a Consultation Statement, a Basic Conditions Statement and an updated version of the HNDP based on our upcoming discussions. These would then go forward to Parish Council and onward transmission to East Northamptonshire Council – at which stage the work of the Steering Group will be done.

**Hargrave Neighbourhood Development Plan (HNDP)**

**Aspiration for acquisition of land for a playing field** This is specified in one of the supporting documents. We need to decide whether it needs to appear more prominently in the HNDP.

**Flooding** HNDP needs to make clear that any developer needs to make sure, in advance of any planning application, that there is capacity in both the storm and foul water drains by liaising with Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) and Anglia Water. (Policy 2)

**Footpath provision on Church Street** NP proposed that because the Church Street carriageway was not wide enough for two lanes, the guidance in the Design Code could be appropriate; this includes relatively low cost innovative solutions such as white lining an area either side of the road for pedestrians and cyclists, helping constrain traffic flows, and limiting speeds. It is important to ensure the continued rural nature of this street. **NP** will suggest some wording to **CB** for inclusion in the plan.

**Response from Northamptonshire Highways MP** will contact them to get an explanation of their contention that there is a transport link within 400 metres.

**Future housing growth.** NP confirmed that the HNDP only lasts until 2031 and up to that time it has specified a total of 6 new houses. After that date there will be new guidance and a possible new development plan when future growth can be limited. It was agreed that mention of the 4.5% rate of growth should be put as a footnote and that wording would be changed to ‘**up to’** 6 new houses. **(CB)** Concern was expressed that a developer could request six new houses on one site which would mean other residents would not have a chance to propose other sites. CB’s advice is that it is not possible in the HNDP to specify a delayed period over which a development is built. However, the need to secure approvals on infrastructure or the carriageway may cause delays on any Church Street site.

**Village envelope** **JB** and **DF** to liaise about adjusting the village envelope in light of comments from statutory authorities and submit revised version to Steering Group and CB.

**Heritage Assets** It was agreed that these could be mentioned in the section about the character of the village. **DF** will email **NP** with suggestions to amend the wording and **NP** will provide a draft to CB.

**Ordnance Survey Maps** CB confirmed that the most up-to-date of these still does not show the new houses at Rectory View. She suggested including them ‘as a commitment’ i.e. having planning consent. It was also agreed that **CB** would add a footnote to the affect that ‘the OS maps have been overtaken by developments’.

**Design Code** NP confirmed there is no rush to finalise this and he would be grateful if **DF** made any small amendments on his own cognisance.

**East Northamptonshire Council** It was agreed that the wording in HNDP7 should be made more legally robust following their advice and provided to CB. **(NP)**

**Nags Head Public House** It was agreed that this should no longer be viewed as a community asset as Parish Council had not objected to the owner’s application for change of use.

**Green Spaces** It was agreed that the brickworks should be added as a green space and the land at the top of Nags Head Lane should all be removed, except the small area of woodland. **(ML & RS)** CB confirmed that on any agricultural land designated a green space there was no restriction on agricultural buildings being erected, depending on the size of the holding.

**Review of HNDP All members** were asked to read this once again to make sure that developers were not being favoured to the disadvantage of the village because of ambiguous or unclear wording. Any suggested amendments should be sent to **RS** for incorporation in the final draft.

**The next meeting would be held at 1800 on Thursday 11th March 2021 via Zoom.**

The meeting closed at 2015 hrs.