

## **SOUTHBOURNE HOUSING FOCUS GROUP**

### **Preliminary meeting Sunday 24 March 2013** **held at 2 Marsh Cottages, Prinsted**

#### **Present:**

Kierstie Masih, Keith Parham, Henrik Magnusson, Sue Talbot,  
Roy Seabrook. (*minutes*)

#### **Apologies:**

Jim Jennings, Robin Rolfe, Oona Hickson

**Declaration of Interests:** KP declared a land interest in the vicinity of Gosden Green, and KM declared that her husband did design work for various Housing Associations

Sue Talbot agreed to act as temporary chair/co-ordinator until such time as a full meeting could formally elect a chair/co-ordinator .

**Areas for consideration:** ST relayed the thoughts of the steering group to the effect that the areas we would be considering were Southbourne together with the associated villages of Prinsted, Nutbourne and Hermitage. Although Southbourne Parish currently had little input to Thorney, at present, because of the military aspects of Thorney, it was felt that it should be included because it was closely associated with Southbourne and its facilities. Its status could possibly change over the coming 15 years. It was felt that the steering group should be asked to co-ordinate contact with the Thorney parish representative.

ST

Although there was a proposal to change the Chidham /Nutbourne boundaries, it was felt that this would be sometime in the future and that the Southbourne plan would have to be progressed on the existing boundaries.

Westbourne parish had expressed interest in co-ordinating with Southbourne. Everyone felt that this would be a good idea but this would need to be co-ordinated by the steering committee.

ST

ST summarised the objectives of the Southbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan. Many elements of Planning control were being devolved to Parish level through the Neighbourhood Development Plan. During the interim period before the plan was established, there could be considerable pressure from developers for new housing on sites not supported locally. It was important to progress the plan as quickly as possible. The plan would need input from as wide a selection of the community as possible and

would be subject to a referendum of all parish voters. It was hoped to complete the draft by November this year.

The District Plan would be an important input to our considerations. This was a complex document. There would be many presentations by District including at the Assembly Rooms at 6 – 8.30 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> March and at The Bourne between 9 am to noon on 28<sup>th</sup> March. The Steering Group were trying to obtain some hard copies of the document.

There was discussion of some of the many documents that would be important for our consideration. KP had a copy of the informal 2007 Southern Development plan “Shaping the Future” which included Southbourne. Two vital documents would be the Settlement Capacity profiles and the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). There was uncertainty as to whether the 2010 SHLAA was the same as the 2012 SHLAA. This would be clarified at the Steering Group meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April. ST agreed to provide a link to the Slaugham Neighbourhood Development Plan which had been recently completed.

ST

It was agreed that we would all read through the SHLAA document which would be the basis of discussion for the next meeting. Possible questions about local housing would then be considered for the NDP questionnaire.

ALL

We had a general discussion on various aspects that would need to be considered including area sewerage and drainage capacity, local school development (e.g. primary school relocation to the Bourne), Gypsy residential provision, and traffic issues. KM agreed to look into what housing associations and similar might be relevant to our consideration, and to discuss availability of any housing needs data with her sister and Oona Hickson (who had agreed to assist with the work on Housing Need within the Focus Group).

KM

It was agreed that the next two meetings would be held on Tuesday evenings of 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April. KP would investigate the availability of a meeting room at the Southbourne Club.

*Roy Seabrook*

(attached e copy of latest SHLAA and of Southbourne Capacity Document – both produced by Chichester DC. Also, list of all “housing documents” found so far on CDC site)