

STAPLEHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW GROUP
Minutes of meeting held on 12th April, 2023 at 7.45pm

1. **Present**, Margaret Arger, (MA) Chairman, Robin Oakley, Secretary (RO), Cllr. Joan Buller (JB), Colin Love (CL), Cllr.Joris Eerdekenens (JE), Tom Burnham (TB), Richard Smith (RS), Cllr.Adele Sharp (AS) from 8.20pm.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr. John Perry (JP) attending MBC meeting.
3. **Minutes of Meeting held on 8 March, 2023:** Agreed
4. **Matters Arising.**
FOI Request to Southern Water. Details of discharges from the SW Staplehurst Treatment Works into the River Beult during 2022 were due to be available at the end of March, 2023 but have not been seen. The Parish Clerk is asked to send a reminder to SW.
5. **Housing Needs Survey.** No further information to date regarding Tess O’Sullivan’ agreement to carry out the HNS. It is suggested that the covering letter with the HNS should stress to everyone the need to complete the survey, irrespective of whether they or members of their family have a housing need. Whilst it is important that the questions for this survey are the same as those in the 2016 survey so that the results are a direct comparison, it is suggested that there should be an addendum to the survey asking the following:-
Have you been affected by surface water or foul water drainage problems?
Have you been affected by problems due to low pressure and/or failure of the water supply?
Have you been affected by issues relating to planning?
Have you been affected by the loss of bus service 5 on weekday evenings or all day on Sundays?
CL offered to draft the revised covering letter and the addendum within the next 7 days.
6. **Group membership in 2023-4.** It was noted that those who had been nominated to stand for election to the Parish Council have been elected unopposed so there will not be a Parish Council election in May. There remain 4 places to be filled on the Parish Council. The provisional membership of the group will be as follows:-
Parish Councillors: Paddy Riordan, John Perry, Adele Sharp, Joris Eerdikens, Margaret Arger.
Residents: Colin Love, Tom Burnham, Joan Buller, Richard Smith, Robin Oakley.
7. **Any other business.**
Gypsy and Traveller Sites. JB reported that she has prepared a response on behalf of the Parish Council to MBC’s consultation in respect of Gypsy and Traveller sites. The response asks MBC to conduct a detailed survey of all G & T sites in Staplehurst to establish the correct number of plots/caravans.
8. **Provisional dates of future meetings, all to be held in the Youth Club:-**
24th May, 21st June, 2023

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Robin Oakley 13 April 2023