**MARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th November 2014 at the Parish Office, Goudhurst Road, Marden commencing at 8pm.**

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| **217.** | **Present:** Cllr Maria Brown, Cllr Lesley Mannington, Steve McArragher, Catherine Alderson, Pam Bowles, Kevin Warrington, Cllr Andy Turner, Bev Reid, Kate Kershaw, Cllr Kate Tippen and Alison Hooker. |
| **218.** | **Apologies:** Received from Cllr Richard Adam, Cllr Dorothy Reed, Cllr Anne Boswell, Jo & Richard Fryer, Christine & Kim Gibbs and Carol Hogg. |
| **219.** | **Granting of Dispensation:** None requested |
| **220.** | **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record. |
| **221.** | **Reports:**  Lesley Mannington asked whether attendance at Maidstone Borough Council Planning Committee meetings could be regarded as representation of Neighbourhood Plans. It was felt that if mention was made of NPs then this should be included.  Andy Turner and Maria Brown had attended discussions with Maidstone Borough Council regarding NPs and a report was given.  Marden Parish Council had met with Golding Homes regarding the way forward with Local Needs Housing.  Other meetings and workshops were noted included SWMP and MBC Parish Liaison Meeting.  The Neighbourhood Plan was discussed at a recent meeting with MBC Planning and there was now a specific point of contact for NPs at MBC (Rachel Elliott).  The next tranche of funding was available from the Government/DCLG and the group would invite Rachel Elliott to visit Marden and discuss further.  Kevin Warrington would plot maps with dates and times of surface/sewage water problems and this would be provided to the group.  A meeting of the River Beult Catchment Improvement Group was due to be held on 8th December at Stilebridge Inn – Kate Kershaw and Steve McArragher hoped to attend.  The Environment Agency was due to give a presentation to the NFU sometime in November. Bev Reid and Lesley Mannington to look into this further.  Staplehurst were due to hold a presentation on 12th November for their Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 14. |
| **222.** | **Update:**  Maria Brown had produced a further draft and thanks were expressed to her regarding this.  Hard copies were produced to those who requested them.  Individual tasks were gone through and any comments were requested to be returned to Alison Hooker. |
| **223.** | **Way Forward:**  It was proposed that the first draft of the document would be sent to several consultants asking them to view the document and whether they would be interested in advising and commenting the document. A copy would also be sent to Rachel Elliott. |

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| **224.** | **Action:**  Andy Turner to draft a letter to consultants and Alison Hooker would send out with the document. |
| **225.** | **Date of next meeting**:  To be advised. The meeting closed at 9.20 pm |

Signed: …………………………………………….. Date: ………………………………………………