

## **Harberton Parish Council**

### **Extraordinary General Meeting**

8.30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015, Harbertonford CE Primary School

Present: Cllrs Broom, Camp, Clayton, Davidson, J.Hockings, McDonnell, Wynne

Apologies: Cllrs Beamish, Janes, S.Hockings, and Williams.

Clerk: Ms C Radford

## **Minutes**

### **1. Review consultation questions as proposed by the Harberton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for Parish Council Approval.**

Steering Group representatives introduced the draft questionnaire and its purpose. During discussion, the following key points were raised:

- Such a long questionnaire may result in fewer responses
- Younger people should be encouraged to complete the questionnaire and not limit to 18+
- Questions in the Economy section might suggest that the Neighbourhood Plan has certain influence (i.e. lowering rents) when it doesn't. Questions regarding the strength of the economy will likely gather subjective responses that will be difficult to act upon.
- Some questions referring to amenities across the Parish are a bit ambiguous
- The agriculture section was discussed and it was proposed that more open questions be worded that invite responses about land use (rather than agriculture per se), not focused specifically on farmers. This would enable land use proposals to be taken to a farmers' focus group following analysis of the questionnaires.
- It was suggested that questionnaires could be distributed along with Village Life
- It was agreed that one questionnaire per household should be distributed with the option to request more copies
- It was suggested that boxes to collect questionnaires could be placed in the churches, post office, pubs and village/parish halls.

It was reported that there will be one further meeting of the working group to make amendments before the questionnaire will go to print.

**It was RESOLVED** Parish Council consent for the working group to complete the questionnaire with minor amendments and circulate without further approval being required.