

## **Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee MINUTES**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015**

Present: Helen Johnson, Thanet District Council  
Peter Lorenzo  
Gordon Edwards  
Cllr Ros Binks  
Sarah Pengelly

(Members of the former Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are invited to Sub-Committee meetings.)

**1 QUORUM** The meeting was not quorate.

APOLOGIES for absence had been received from Ian Dale, Cllr Dexter, Paul Machin, Lorraine Williams.

The business of the meeting was adjourned.

**2 HELEN JOHNSON**

As Helen Johnson was present, she introduced herself as the new Neighbourhood Plan liaison officer for Thanet District Council, replacing Jo Wadey in that role.

Helen advises that:

Neighbourhood Plans need to be in conformity with the Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. Because Neighbourhood Plans become part of the statutory planning framework for planning, they can be a powerful tool for communities to decide what development should look like and where it can take place.

A Neighbourhood Plan can contain just a very few policies on issues that are most important to a community.

The Local Plan consultation is progressing: the comments received by Thanet District Council are available online now and the next stage in consultation is now expected in June / July 2016.

Thanet District Council now expects to adopt Community Infrastructure Levy and is recruiting for an officer to perform this task.

**3 FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS**

Date of the next meeting:

There will be no meeting in January 2016.

The next meeting will be on the first **Wednesday** in February in the afternoon, or the first **Thursday** in February at 7 p.m. in the evening in the Council Chamber.

The Town Council's Planning Committee will be asked to determine the terms of reference for the Sub-Committee.

Members are asked to advise the Town Clerk which will be more convenient.