

HORSLEY COUNTRYSIDE PRESERVATION SOCIETY AROUND AND ABOUT HORSLEY – SUMMER 2016

West Horsley

The West Horsley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group continues to make progress under the leadership of our new Chairman, Paul Dodgson. We have also welcomed a new Secretary, Julia McClung, who has recently built our website which is now live on www.westhorsleyneighbourhoodplan.org, and set up a Facebook page. In January 2016, new national guidance was issued which clarified exactly what a Neighbourhood Plan can and cannot do. This is important given that the draft of the Guildford Borough Council's Local Plan is due out for consultation in June and our work needs to be aligned. All these plans are potentially confusing so we are trying to be clear and for the neighbourhood Plan, if approved, to have the influence we need and expect.

We have secured some professional planning expertise to help and guide what and how we approach the next stages. Four sub-groups have been created namely Environment and Landscape, Housing and Design, Community Assets and Business Economy and Infrastructure, which we hope have a similar foundation to those of East Horsley. If any resident has particular knowledge and/or expertise in any of these areas we would welcome their contribution. A group of us actually "walked the Parish" over the Easter weekend to ensure we are as well informed as we can be. We presented the preliminary findings of each sub-groups initial work

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at the Open House Event on 16th April which was attended by about 200 people. This produced even more information and we will be communicating with all those who gave us contact details as the next analysis becomes available.

We are working to a timeline which sees informal consultation in the village across August and September, approval by the Parish Council in the Autumn to then formally submit the Plan to Guildford Borough Council. This leads to statutory consultation in January / February. Throughout our work we continue to liaise with East Horsley Neighbourhood Plan Group so that those aspects which are common to both Parishes are appropriately covered.

We welcome the information, views and contributions from village residents who may wish to email our secretary at; secretarywesthorsleynsg@gmail.com ■