

**NOTES FROM THE RESIDENTS MEETING TO**  
**DISCUSS**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**  
**HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 FROM 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE**  
**HALL , BACK LANE , HORSMONDEN.**

*(This meeting has been organised by Horsmonden Parish Council on behalf of residents of the village).*

PRESENT: 36 people registered at the meeting together with HPC members.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lucy Noakes - The Clerk of the Parish Council offered to take brief notes.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Diana and Robin Morton, Chris and Claire Reed, Robert Dicketts, Anne Wernham.

**2. GUEST SPEAKERS: Feria Urbanism.**

Cllr March gave a short introduction to the evening explaining that Horsmonden Parish Council had agreed at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September to support the community in going ahead with a the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. . It would be the PC's expectation that the work force behind the project would be structured outside the PC driven by a steering group who would report back to the PC. There would be 2 or 3 councillors on such a steering group.

The first step would be to set up the working group with a chair and a terms of reference so that they can then apply to the BC to define the designated area. Individual groups would then be set up to deal with each area of the project, and they in turn would report back to the steering group. The groups and steering groups would not be able to make any decisions as PC would still be responsible for all decision making.

The money for the project would come from a combination of parish precept and grant funding available.

The volunteers and parish councillors present, then introduced themselves in turn, stating their interest in the project.

Cllr March then introduced Richard Eastham, from Feria Urbanism, who briefly outlined the process for Neighbourhood Planning. Richard then went through a set of slides which outlined how Feria would go about assisting the volunteers in teh process and which broke the process down into a number of steps.

Richard finished off the evening by taking questions from a number of volunteers.

**The meeting close just after 9pm.**