PUBLIC MEETING Saturday 1st November 2014

Good morning

Welcome to our meeting to introduce the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for our four parishes.

This is an exciting new project and an opportunity for us to have some control over the development of our local areas over the next fifteen years. It is important for the whole community to become involved. Although it is a Parish Council initiative, we are keen for it to be community-led project, with full consultation and representation from all corners of our communities.

We are at the very first stages and the purpose of today's meeting is to **INTRODUCE** the processes and **RECRUIT** local people with relevant skills, knowledge and expertise to assist.

The brief Agenda for the meeting this morning will be as follows -

- 1. A welcome from Nick Mills, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- 2. A presentation by Rowena Tyler of Action in rural Sussex (AirS) to provide an introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan process
- 3. Questions from the floor

We need your help. If you would like to become involved with this project in any way please complete one of the coloured forms being distributed at the meeting today.

There is an opportunity for you to assist, advise or become a member of a Focus Group and places are also available on the Steering Group. The Focus Groups will report back to the consultants and the Steering Group and the work of these groups will form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan. After the meeting today, we will set about forming Focus Groups, likely to concentrate on the following local concerns –

- Economic/business
- Transport/Accessibility
- Community
- Environmental
- Heritage/Local knowledge
- Housing

The first task for the Focus Groups will be to help with the production and circulation of a Neighbourhood Plan Survey, to be circulated to all households within the four parishes before Christmas.

We thank you for your interest and for attending the meeting this morning.

The Steyning, Wiston, Ashurst and Bramber Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group