

## **Meeting with Year 6 pupils Herstmonceux C of E Primary School 2 May 2016**

### **Meeting**

Meeting held in Year 6 Classroom, Herstmonceux C of E Primary School.

### **Attendees**

30 pupils, Mrs A Beckett – Year 6 teacher, 2 support staff

### **Comments**

- The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan, Mr S. Nash and the clerk to the Steering Group, Mrs J. McInnes gave a short introduction on the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan for Herstmonceux Parish. A copy of the parish map was circulated to the pupils.
- The pupils worked in small groups and discussed how they wish to see the parish develop over the coming years and the following comments were recorded on the information sheets.
  - i. A new scout hut (NB The previous scout hut was destroyed in an arson attack over 6 years ago. Herstmonceux Parish Council is working with the youth groups and sports groups and planning permission has been granted for a new complex which includes a scout hut, a new bowls green, new bowls clubhouse and football changing rooms. Fundraising for the scheme is ongoing. Over half of the children in Year 6 were a member of either scouts or guides.)
  - ii. Improvements to the existing skateboard park.
  - iii. Improvements to the existing play area, particularly for older children, an adventure play area.
  - iv. More green spaces.
  - v. Improve the cricket pavilion and the bowls green.
  - vi. New public toilets (WDC closed the public toilets in Herstmonceux in 2015)
  - vii. Wi-Fi, internet café and IT facilities.
  - viii. Clothes shop.
  - ix. Cycle paths in the parish.
  - x. Maintain and improve footpaths.
  - xi. More trees planted.
  - xii. Better paths to ride horses.
  - xiii. A soft play area.
  - xiv. More buses from the village.
  - xv. Cinema.
  - xvi. Video game shop.
  - xvii. Water park.
  - xviii. Laser quest.
  - xix. Public library.

- xx. Bike hire.
- xxi. Go kart track.
- xxii. Extension to the school.
- xxiii. Fast food outlets – especially a fish and chip shop, ice cream shop, costa coffee or Starbucks.
- xxiv. More parking for cars.
- xxv. Barbers.
- xxvi. Mini golf.
- xxvii. Mini supermarket e.g. Tesco.
- xxviii. Animal Rescue Centre.
- xxix. More shops – clothes, make-up, exchange shops where you can donate items and take the same number of items.
- xxx. Train station.
- xxxi. More buses.

### **Key Points and Action**

1. Support and encourage the development of the Scout Hut and other facilities (Football Changing Rooms and Bowls Green and Clubhouse) at Lime Cross. There are high numbers of young people who attend Beavers, Cub Scouts, Scout, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Following the arson attack over 6 years ago, the groups have had to relocate to a number of different sites in the parish and adjoining parishes which means that recruiting and retaining leaders is a problem.
2. Improve existing play areas for young children under 10 years and provide play equipment areas for children aged between 10 -14 years.