# HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

## **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting of Harting Parish Council held at Harting Community Hall on **Thursday 21 December 2023** at **7.30pm.** 

Present: Mr Shaxson (Chair), Mr Bonner, Mrs Bramley, Mrs Curran, Mrs Martin, Mr Miller and Mr Palmer.

Mr Tim O'Kelly attended in his role as District Councillor.

In attendance: Trish Walker, Parish Clerk.

There were three members of public in attendance.

- 185. Apologies for absence: Mrs Maxwell Davies, Mr Olphert, Dr K O'Kelly (County Councillor)
- **186. Declarations of Interest:** Mr Miller declared an interest in agenda item 10 and 11 as a member of the Hall Management Committee.

#### 187. Minutes from Meeting held on 16 November 2023.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 November 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

- 188. Questions from the Public: None.
- 189. Matters of Urgent Public Importance: None.

#### 190. Reports from the County and District Councillor

Dr O'Kelly, the County Councillor and Mr O'Kelly, the District Councillors, had circulated reports prior to the meeting.

Mr O'Kelly confirmed that the District Council tree planting scheme was aiming to facilitate the creation of natural corridors to link the wildlife. He confirmed the map provides a general overview of the areas where some planting would be preferable.

#### 191. Co-option of two new councillors for the Harting Ward

There had been two vacancies on the Council since the last election in May 2023. Three candidates had put their names forward for consideration. One of the candidates withdrew ahead of the meeting.

The members considered the applications for the vacancies within the Harting ward of the Parish from Tamsin Cormack and Katherine Hewetson. The members agreed unanimously to co-opt them.

The following proposal was agreed:

That Tamsin Cormack and Katherine Hewetson should be co-opted as members of Harting Parish Council representing the Harting ward.

After signing the declarations of acceptance of office, Tamsin Cormack and Katherine Hewetson were welcomed and joined the meeting.

## 192. Parish Priority Statement (PPS) submission to SDNPA

Following the collation of the household questionnaires and the outcome of the Parish Meeting in November 2023, the Parish Priority Statement was presented to the Council for approval. The PPSWG (Parish Priority Statement Working Group) was thanked for leading the process.

After some discussion it was agreed that a suggestion to add a reference to the 'setting scene introduction' in the Vision section of the PPS would be beneficial.

It was also agreed a reference to the School, Pre-School and Diggers Forest School should be included in the second paragraph of the setting scene introduction.

There was also some discussion about the wording of the first paragraph and this was agreed and included.

It was agreed the version of the PPS published on the Council's website would include a footnote to explain some of the terminology used in the document.

The Statement was approved by the Council. The final document can be seen below (see appendix A)

## The following proposal was made and agreed:

that subject to the following amendments the Harting Parish Priority Statement and scene setting introduction are approved by the Council and will be submitted to the SDNPA:

- A reference to the scene setting introduction will be included in the Vision section of the Statement reading "this is illustrated by the scene setting document accompanying this document"
- A reference to the School, Pre-School and Diggers Forest School will be included in the second paragraph of the scene setting
- The third line of the first paragraph of the scene setting will be changed to read "Whilst providing necessary small dwellings, it is widely considered that the architecture of Warrenside does not enhance South Harting."

## 193. Henry Warren Hall grant application

A grant application was considered from the Henry Warren Village Club in Nyewood requesting a grant to cover the cost of the annual insurance premium for the village hall. The application requested £1642.47.

The Harting Parish Council Grant policy lists the Henry Warren Club as an affiliated group which may receive Council support.

The members supported the application.

## The following proposal was made and agreed:

That the Council considers the grant application from the Henry Warren Village Club for the sum of £1642.47 to cover the cost of the annual insurance premium on the Henry Warren Village Hall.

## 194. Standard grants applications 2024/25

Mr Bonner, the Chair of Finance outlined the proposed grants for the year 2024/25 and confirmed the proposed grants for Harting Community Hall and the War Memorial Playing Fields had been increased in line with inflation.

The following recommendations were proposed and agreed:

- *i.* that the Council allocate the following grants in 2024/25
  - a. Harting Community Hall and the War Memorial Playing Fields (£2650 each) £5300 total
  - b. Harting Parish hospital car scheme £180
  - c. Petersfield Citizens Advice Bureau £300
  - d. Allotment rents -£25
  - e. The Parish Church and Congregational Church burial grants (£200 each) £400 total
- ii. To agree, as part of their overall grants, to recommend that the Council also covers the cost of the insurance premiums for Harting Community Hall and the War Memorial Playing Field and the cost of a bookkeeper for the former.

## 195. Additional Grants 2024/25

In addition to the usual standard grants, three applications had been received:

Harting Community Hall	£6166 + vat	Solar Battery
War Memorial Playing Field	£15000	New showers and toilets
Henry Warren Hall	£9200 + vat	Solar Battery system

The Finance Committee initially considered the grant applications at its meeting on 21 November 2023 and made some proposals for discussion at the Council meeting. It was noted there was flexibility in the current year budget, due to underspend on anticipated maintenance and capital, to enable some of the projects to go ahead immediately. There was also an option to utilise some of the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies or increase the 2024/25 budget.

It was agreed it would not be desirable to include the grants in the 2024/25 budget as this would cause a big increase in the precept requirement for the year.

After some detailed discussion and consideration, in particular about the grant applications in respect of the Henry Warren Hall and the War Memorial Playing Fields (WMPF), it was agreed to amend the recommendations initially made by the Finance Committee for the former.

The members felt that the grant for the WMPF should be refused, at this stage, until further information about the total cost of the works and more detailed quotes are available, particularly as it is a large request. It is also hoped that details from other grant funding organisations it is suggested they approach may be available.

The members agreed the grants should be held in reserve and, where possible, the purchases would be gifted.

It was noted that the grant policy and application form may need to be updated and reconsidered given the increase in number and value of applications being received.

The following recommendations were proposed and agreed:

*i.* To grant the Harting Community Hall the sum of £6166 + vat for a Solar Battery to be funded in the year ending 31 March 2024.

- *ii.* To refuse the War Memorial Playing Field application, at this stage, to ask for additional detail and quotes for the new showers and toilets and to await the outcome of the reported grant applications.
- *iii.* To grant the Henry Warren Hall the sum of £6000 + vat towards the cost of a Solar Battery system to be funded in the year ending 31 March 2024.
- iv. To agree that any agreed grants should be held in reserve, where possible, to enable the purchases to be gifted to the organisations.

## 196. Budget and Precept 2024/25

Mr Bonner, the Chair of Finance outlined the proposed budget (see appendix B) and precept requirements for 2024/25. He noted that the Finance Committee had reviewed and agreed the proposed budget.

The members reviewed the budget and agreed that the precept should be raised to £56975, an increase of £1043 or 1.86% on the previous financial year. No funds will be offset against the reserves.

The following recommendations were proposed and agreed:

- *i.* that the Council agree the Budget for the financial year 2024/25
- *ii.* that the Council agree to request £56,975 as the precept from CDC (Chichester District Council) for the financial year 2024/25.

### 197. Harting CAN (Harting Climate Action) feedback on grant

Harting CAN had provided a report providing feedback on their use of the grant the Council awarded in the previous financial year. The group had been able to launch and run Operation Nestbox, the making and installation of nest boxes for Swifts, Housemartins and Swallows. Most of the boxes are still to be adopted but this will improve over the coming years. The project has proved to be a great community activity with many people becoming involved. The group are now starting a 'Wild About...' campaign which aims to encourage everyone in the community to sow wildflower seeds. The campaign will run throughout March. The Council was very grateful for the report and associated feedback and thanked Harting CAN for the update.

*The following proposal was made and agreed: To note the report.* 

#### 198. Tree survey of South Gardens and the Warren

The Council undertakes a tree survey for the Warren and South Gardens every eighteen months, this ensures the surveys alternate between 'leaf on' and 'leaf off'. The last 'leaf on' survey was completed on 9 June 2022 and the next 'leaf off' survey will be

due in the winter of 2024. The members agreed that, due to the nature of the survey and the various works that have been undertaken in the Warren over the last few years, it was desirable to maintain continuity

with the survey. It was therefore recommended that Mark Welby, arboricultural consultant, should be asked to carry out the survey. The quoted cost was £550 + vat.

The following proposal was made and agreed:

That the Council appoint Mark Welby, arboricultural consultant, to carry out a 'leaf off'' survey of South Gardens and the Warren at a cost of £550 + vat

#### 199. Finance

**199.1.** It was agreed that the following payments should be made:

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Undisclosed	Clerk and RFO Salary including backpay	2036.47
HMRC	Tax and NI contributions	579.75
Gallagher	WMPF annual insurance	1401.07
WMPF	Lengthsman	168.00
Trish Walker	Bike Rack	105.54
Trish Walker	Monthly Zoom subscription	15.59
Henry Warren Hall	Insurance premium	1642.47

**199.2.** It was agreed that Mrs Bramley and Mr Miller would authorise the December online payments.

#### 199.3. Bank Reconciliation for December 2023

It was noted that the bank reconciliation had been scrutinised and signed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Chairman of the Council then signed the reconciliation in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

- **199.4.** There was no income for December 2023.
- **200.** Bank balance as of 30 November 2023 £108,271.46 (includes earmarked funds £44k and budgeted spend £15k)

#### 201. Budget Statement to 30 November 2023

It was noted the budget statement had been updated to provide a clearer breakdown of both budgeted and earmarked spending.

#### 202. Planning Committee

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16 November 2023 were noted.

#### 203. Finance Committee

The minutes of the Finance Committee held on 21 November 2023 were noted.

#### 204. Feedback from WMPF and HCH representatives

Mr Olphert had reported that he had attended a WMPF meeting and everything seemed to be running smoothly.

There was no report from the HCH.

#### **205.** Correspondence

There had been no correspondence other than regular items and those already included in the main agenda.

#### 206. Clerk's report

The report was noted.

207. Items for future meetings

Restoration of water pump Presentation by Edward Waller

# **208.** Date of next meeting: The next meeting would be held on Thursday 18 January 2024 in Harting Community Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

## <u>Appendix A</u>

<u>Headings</u>	Budget	Likely spend	Proposed	Budget	
	-		•	Increase/decrease	%
	2023-24	2023-24	Budget 2024/25	Increase/decrease	70
Staff Salaries					
Salary	17,500.00	18,615.00	18,000.00	500.00	2.86
Pension	700.00		700.00	0.00	0.00
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Total Staff Salaries	18,200.00	18,615.00	18,700.00	500.00	2.75
Admin					
Website and phone	310.00	300.00	300.00	-10.00	-3.23
Microsoft licence	800.00	879.20	900.00	100.00	12.50
IT support	1,100.00	1,104.00	1,120.00	20.00	1.82
Chairmans allowance	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Audit fees	450.00	600.00	600.00	150.00	33.33
Admin	1,000.00	750.00	750.00	-250.00	-25.00
PC Insurance	1,500.00	1,373.00	1,400.00	-100.00	-6.67
Training	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Room Hire		-	1,000.00		
Legal	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Election	450.00	427.50	100.00	-350.00	-77.78
Total Admin	7,310.00	6,133.70	7,870.00	-440.00	-6.02
Subscr/Memberships					
SALC/NALC	500.00	693.55	700.00	200.00	40.00
Capital expenditure					
Open spaces major repairs	2,000.00	209.17	1,000.00	-1,000.00	-50.00
Total Capital	2,000.00	209.17	1,000.00	-1,000.00	-50.00
Maintenance			-		
Warren & South Gardens	3,000.00	900.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	-50.00
Highways	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00	500.00	50.00
Mixed repairs	2,500.00	1,664.00	1,500.00	-1,000.00	-40.00
Dog bins/gloves	800.00	532.48	800.00	0.00	0.00
Grass cutting	2,000.00	1,792.76	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Lengthsman	750.00	758.30	750.00	0.00	0.00
Tree survey	600.00	600.00	-	-600.00	-100.00
Total Maintenance	10,650.00	6,747.54	8,050.00	-2,600.00	-24.41
Grants					
Hall	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,650.00	150.00	6.00
S137 -	5,300.00	5,180.50	600.00	-4,700.00	-88.68
WMPF	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,650.00	150.00	6.00
Churchyards	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
Hospital car	180.00	-	180.00	0.00	0.00
Allotment rent	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Hall insurance	1,500.00	2,088.93	2,100.00	600.00	40.00
Hall bookkeeping	500.00	526.25	-	-500.00	-100.00
WMPF insurance	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	-100.00	-6.67
Other grants	4,000.00	1,811.63	9,400.00	5,400.00	135.00
Total Grants	18,405.00	16,432.31	19,405.00	1,000.00	5.43
Contingency	3,100.00	_	1,250.00	-1,850.00	-59.68
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Total Budget	60,165.00	48,831.27	56,975.00	- 4,190.00	-6.96

## PRECEPT

Precept	55932	56975	1043	1.86%
met from reserves	4233 <b>60165</b>	56975		

**Parish Priorities Statement** 



## 1. Your Details

Information Required	Response	
Contact name	Trish Walker	
Town or Parish Council	HARTING PARISH COUNCIL	
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Details of public consultation and engagement used in the preparation of the <b>PPS</b>	<ul> <li>Plans and progress communicated regularly in Parish News, community Facebook page and village WhatsApp groups</li> <li>A dedicated page on our Parish Council website</li> <li>Questionnaire circulated to every household and available in hard copy at village shop</li> <li>20% of households completed the questionnaire</li> <li>Future Energy Landscape workshop run twice. Over 50 local participants discussed how renewable technologies would meet our Parish energy needs</li> <li>Displays and outreach at local events – monthly Repair Café, village lunch, Charter Fair, etc</li> <li>Parish meeting – 73 attended to hear what came out of the questionnaire. Group discussions further identified key priorities</li> <li>Final draft shared with Parish, agreed at Council meeting 21/12/23.</li> </ul>	

#### setting the scene:-

The 2021 census returned a population of 1,489 for Harting Parish, an increase of 38 people over the 2011 figure. The parish is very large, covering 8,000 acres. It consists of the main village of South Harting, and subsidiary hamlets of Nyewood, West and East Harting. They each have individual identities, notably Nyewood. There are several other clusters of houses. There are many fine buildings, from Grade I listed Uppark to former humble agricultural dwellings. Whilst providing necessary small dwellings, it is widely considered that the architecture of Warrenside does not enhance South Harting. Otherwise the impact of the housing in the parish is generally sympathetic, not least because properties don't appear crammed onto small sites.

The parish runs from near Compton in the south north to the River Rother, and from the Hampshire border towards Elsted in the east. There is a 37 year old Community Hall in South Harting, and the new Henry Warren Hall in Nyewood. As there are 6 other public venues available to use there is a sufficiency of them. There are two play areas in South Harting, and one in Nyewood, and a sports field complete with pavilion. The Parish Council own the Village Hall and Sports Field, and also 14 acres of amenity land and woodland located between South Harting and the South Downs Way. There is also a primary school, pre-school and forest school in the parish. Up until the early 20thC the Uppark Estate owned most of the land in the parish, but on the farms being sold 100 years ago Uppark lost its paternal position. The Parish Council was formed in 1894 and was one of only two Councils in the whole country to elect a woman as its first chairman(sic). 50 years ago, Harting created one of the first Community bus services in the country; it is still running. Villagers bought the village shop in 1997, predating what subsequently happened at Milland, Lodsworth and other locations in the SDNP. Harting has the oldest Old Club in the country, founded in 1800 – and an extant Charter Fair going back more than 750 years.

There are 21 miles of highway in the parish, which if put end to end is enough road to drive from the centre of South Harting to the M3 at Winchester. There are more than 35 miles of footpaths and bridleways, which added to the hundreds of acres of Open Access areas on Harting and West Harting Downs provides an extensive network of public green space. Whilst farming retains a major impact on the parish, farmers employ fewer local people. There is a sand quarry located in the parish, largely 'out of sight, out of mind' except when lorries habitually hit medieval Durford Bridge. The largest employers in the parish are glasshouse manufacturers Alitex and Sky Park Farm.

Our understanding is that South Harting was the first Conservation Area designated in West Sussex. The inhabitants are very proud of their settlements and community and emphasise that change must enhance and not degrade either the look or the feel of the area. They are well aware that because of its physical location under the much-visited viewpoint of Harting Down any development at South Harting will have an impact on both the immediate area and wider landscape. That is why they, and hence this PPS, are unable to identify any development sites.

## The vision for the future...

What are the three key changes you would like to see in your Parish over the next 15 years? These changes should relate to the priorities set out below. It will also be helpful to explain when you think these changes should happen over the 15 year period.

Ensure the Parish continues to be a healthy, happy and thriving community, addressing the impacts of Climate Change, whilst retaining its unique character as settlements surrounded by beautiful countryside. This is illustrated by the <u>'Scene setting'</u> document accompanying this PPS.

#### Development - ASAP

- All new developments constructed beyond current building regulations saving and creating energy
- Retrofit feasible alternatives to fossil fuel energy to existing homes and businesses
- Identify opportunities to generate renewable energy to transition away from fossil fuels

Improve transport infrastructure - ASAP

- Parking, with EV charging
- all aspects of road maintenance
- ensure PRoWs fit for purpose

Community building

- Ensure that the acknowledged benefits of living here are retained, protecting the unique character and surroundings
- Create an inclusive place that meets the needs of all in the community young, old, families, the disabled
- Community projects that engage people in the protection of our beautiful countryside, responding to the consequences of climate change

Information required	Response
What type and level of development would you like to see in the parish?	<ul> <li>Main development need is for housing to enable local young and elderly people to remain in the parish</li> <li>Provide opportunities for local residents to downsize</li> <li>Development should prioritise brownfield sites and redundant farm buildings and not be shoehorned into small sites</li> <li>A car park is needed in South Harting village to address parking problems plus the provision of EV charging facilities</li> <li>Existing properties, including where possible listed buildings, retrofitted to allow use of alternatives to fossil fuel energy including better insulation and double glazing</li> <li>Existing community facilities are adequate</li> </ul>
Are there any areas of the Parish you would like to see developed?	<ul> <li>There are no obvious sites for development because of the visual impact from the top of the downs and other viewpoints</li> <li>Any development around South Harting likely to have severe adverse visual impact on SDNP</li> <li>Industrial estates in Nyewood</li> <li>Need for village car park, only site mentioned the field west of White Hart. This need first identified 55 years ago</li> </ul>
Are there any specific areas you want protected for other uses?	<ul> <li>The Parish is protected from unsuitable development by the South Harting Settlement Policy Area and three conservation areas. For development to take place it should take proper account of:-</li> <li>Views from the Downs</li> <li>Existing open space</li> </ul>

# Development and management of land

## Homes

Information required	Response
What type of homes would you like to see in your local community?	<ul> <li>Affordable, to enable younger and elderly people to remain living in the community</li> <li>Modest in size to ensure diversity of provision and opportunities for downsizing</li> <li>Homes resilient to climate change, designed to minimise overheating and flooding risk</li> <li>Homes meeting the highest energy performance Standards</li> </ul>
What size of home is needed locally?	<ul> <li>Smaller 2 to 3 bed homes built to Parker Morris room size standards</li> <li>On-site parking facilities with EV charging points essential</li> <li>Retirement apartments (single storey) for the elderly</li> <li>Retain smaller homes; prevent them being enlarged and specify where smaller homes must not be combined to create larger properties</li> </ul>
Any other requirements?	<ul> <li>Ensure homes perform beyond current building regulations (eg Passivhaus standards), proven through appropriate post-construction/post occupation evaluation</li> <li>Minimise energy demand by focusing on fabric of building and use of ground/air source heat pumps</li> <li>Build in resistance to climate change by use of flood resistant doors and windows, higher electric sockets and horizontally installed plasterboard</li> <li>Incorporate sustainable drainage systems eg soft landscaping/permeable paving to reduce load on storm water or sewerage systems</li> <li>Correctly designed lifetime homes, ensuring accessibility by reducing steps and slopes.</li> <li>Nature-friendly construction and gardens, including bee palaces, swift boxes etc</li> </ul>

# Design

Information Required	Response
Are there any areas of local character which are particularly important to the local community?	<ul> <li>The three parish Conservation areas, ensure their settings are not adversely impacted by development within or neighbouring them.</li> <li>Furze Meadow, Nyewood. Provides play area for Nyewood residents.</li> <li>South Gardens, The Warren and Playing Fields – all owned by parish, therefore in position to maintain them to take account of parishioners needs.</li> <li>Harting Downs SSSI</li> </ul>
Particular features of buildings of local character	<ul> <li>Many buildings constructed of local clunch stone, with brick quoins and window surrounds</li> <li>Roofs mainly tile, with some slate and a few thatched</li> <li>A few houses in Harting Street gentrified by false fronts.</li> <li>Do not use street frontages to experiment with designs that clash with existing development</li> </ul>

## The natural environment

Information Required	Response	
Opportunities to make nature bigger, better and more joined up	<ul> <li>Harting Parish covers thousands of acres of beautiful landscape. Unique Downland and widespread farming shape our landscape.</li> <li>Opportunities: <ul> <li>Community wide biodiversity projects to strengthen our connection with nature and protect endangered species eg Operation Nest Box &amp; rewilding projects</li> <li>Farming and local communities working together to strengthen biodiversity eg improve hedgerow management to benefit the annual movements and needs of wildlife</li> <li>Create improved, joined up hedgerow systems, including a replanting programme. The creation and maintenance of ditches and wet areas</li> <li>Protecting existing public green space, footpaths and access to green areas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## Jobs

Information Required	Response
Information about business you would like to protect and business opportunities that should be provided	<ul> <li>Farming recognised as essential to the fabric of our community despite increasing modernisation and farmers now employing fewer local people</li> <li>Farming of all types - arable, sheep, cattle and game - constitute major businesses</li> <li>Retention of incredibly important Harting Stores and Post Office. The public house, shops and cafe are vital in maintaining the community's social and business life</li> <li>Home working and tourism depend upon these businesses</li> <li>Sky Park deer farm is a successful local employer and tourist attraction</li> <li>More businesses supporting the community and enhancing tourism would help create local jobs and preserve the character of the village</li> </ul>

## Public spaces

Information Required	Response
Public Open Space, Public realm, Pocket Parks	<ul> <li>The War Memorial Playing fields, South Gardens, Warren and Furze Meadow are managed public open spaces. The extensive footpath network and Harting Down are enjoyed by our community and visitors alike.</li> <li>Opportunities: <ul> <li>Continued maintenance and care of the Warren</li> <li>Replanting of hedgerows around the playing fields</li> <li>Encourage the wider community to be involved with the management of PRoWs</li> <li>Improved maintenance of Harting Down to justify its status as an SSSI</li> <li>Ensure New Lane &amp; Upperton Lane don't become BOATs</li> <li>Ensuring worked-out West Harting sand pit is appropriately renatured</li> <li>Provide ongoing support for the Petersfield to Midhurst cycle way</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### Infrastructure

Information Required	Response
Active travel priorities, roads / parking, community buildings needs, waste / water infrastructure, broadband <b>,</b> <b>renewable energy</b>	<ul> <li>Needs: <ul> <li>Adequate car parking in South Harting</li> <li>Allied with provision of EV charging</li> <li>Improved highway maintenance to deal with increasingly neglected potholes, drainage, verge cutting</li> <li>National planning policy enabling renewable energy infrastructure to allow local energy generation</li> <li>Local grid upgrades to cope with local energy demand and generation</li> <li>Improved maintenance of PRoWs, damaged by their increased use - 'Access for All'</li> <li>A robust project ensuring improvements to sewage, drainage and water use is rolled out across the Parish and wider area</li> <li>Infrastructure to encourage active travel ie Petersfield to Midhurst cycleway</li> <li>There are sufficient community buildings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### FINALISING YOUR SUBMISSION

As a reminder, before finalising your submission, please check you have addressed the following:

- You have completed the details in section 1, including details of public engagement events and consultation activities which have informed the statement. Where possible please identify the percentage of the community that have engaged in the preparation of the **PPS**.
- Please try to summarise the community's views and aspirations as much as possible, do not provide details of individuals who have commented, and bullet points for key priorities where possible.
- If you have supporting evidence or information please use a hyperlink to the data where available, and summarise the information as much as possible in the **PPS**.

#### DISCLAIMER

The assessment process and outputs will feed into the Local Plan review process but we cannot guarantee the delivery of specific community aspirations in the South Downs Local Plan policies, allocations or designations.

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Information required		Response
Print Name		Trish Walker
Date		21 December 2023

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