# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT

The Steering Committee of the Neighbourhood Plan met on Thursday 6th March. It was a full agenda but substantial progress was made not least in the formation of the working parties.

The headings of the Working Parties are as follows:-

Adaption of the VDS to the Neighbourhood Plan
Drainage
Sustainable Development
Transport and Access
Tourism and Leisure
Social Wellbeing (including security)
Businesses

The majority of the members have been appointed but we are awaiting responses from a few people who are away on holiday.
Draft Terms of Reference have been drawn up with helpful contributions from Tom Bell (Neighbourhood Planning Officer – CDC) and Jim Dunn (resident).
In drafting the Terms of Reference we have had to take into account matters such as the Data Protection Act as to the amount of personal information that we can divulge.

Graham Colbourne gave a very interesting talk on a meeting he attended on the 25th February entitled West Sussex Parish and Town Councils Planning Session.

The talk was given by Rowena Tyler, Neighbourhood Plan Officer, Action in Rural Sussex.

The talk emphasised the importance of sustainable development as Neighbourhood Plans have failed because people wanted to keep their parish as it presently exists. Such plans have been thrown out by the inspector.

I would draw the PC's attention to the Inspector's report on Slougham Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan in this regard.

The date for the next meeting is April 16th at The Sailing Club. I thank the Sailing Club or making their premises available.