**MAIN THEMES ARRISING FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING OF 10.01.2014**

**Things to keep:**

Keep the parish looking similar to the way it does now. Keep the historical village look. (This is a major issue.)

Keep the quiet rural character.

Protect our sustainable community.

Not a commuter suburb or dormitory village.

Keep the relationship between the village settlement and the surrounding countryside. No ‘catalogue’ houses.

Retain the High Street image, including post office, shops and pubs.

Retain village green, sports field and playground.

Keep REG (Robertsbridge Enterprise Group) including christmas tree decorations, bonfire and social events. Support local shops and jobs, possibly with local authority assistance. Keep the club.

Christmas tree decorations and bonfire social events.

Not too much development in the centre of the village.

Ecologically sound buildings in any new development. Sustainable energy, rainwater harvesting and energy saving insulation across the village.

Protect and maintain footpaths.

Protect trees including in Bishops Lane.

**Things to change:**

Develop the Mill Site.

Mill itself: use as flats with shared access to café and health facility. (Consider co-housing.)

No more development on green field sites, until brown field sites are filled.

Keep Grove Farm.

Extend capacity of GP surgery, Health Centre, Primary School and Nursery.

Provide accommodation for all ages: affordable starter homes and supported retirement homes.

Solve the parking issues in the village including by the church and pub at Salehurst.

Impose effective speed limit through village i.e. 20 mph.

Consider traffic flow and traffic calming.

Roundabout or lights at junction of George Hill and A21. Extend footpath from farm shop to Poppinghole Lane.

Improve rather than reduce bus services.

Solve the drainage problems: i.e. sewers and flooding.

Foot and cycle path to Bodium.

Ensure safe pedestrian and cycle routes to the centre of the village from the fringes, including from Salehurst. (e.g. foot and cycle path alongside the Rother rail track all the way to Bodium.)

Continuous hedge-free footpath along station road.

Ensure the parish is not overwhelmed by executive-type housing.

Protect green spaces, farmland, agricultural businesses and woodland.

Timing of closure of main station level crossing (i.e. it can take too long.)

Consider pros and cons of Rother Valley Railway i.e. reinforcing local economy vs other issues.

Regular beat Police Constables.

Impose fines for parking on double yellow lines (e.g bottom of Fair Lane).

A continuing programme for repair of potholes. Road re-surfacing.

Safe street lighting.

Sports Centre with gym and pool.

New Vicar.

Relocate the electricity substation.

Remove Japanese knotweed.

More houses in Country Crafts site. LS Summary; meeting of 10 Jan 2015.