

# Annex 1

## **Thurnham Parish Plan Aims and Objectives**

1. The purpose of the group is to prepare, produce, publish and distribute a Parish Plan for the civil parish of Thurnham.
2. The plan will, amongst other things:
  - provide an information base about the parish;
  - identify what people like about Thurnham and living there;
  - highlight the issues that are of concern to residents; and
  - produce recommendations and an action plan for dealing with these concerns that will accommodate and promote constructive change while at the same time conserving those elements of continuity that give this community a strong sense of place, identity and belonging;
  - produce a parish design statement.
3. The Plan will be prepared by a group of volunteers drawn from amongst the residents of Thurnham and other interested citizens. The group will include two members of the Thurnham Parish Council who will be regarded as full members of the group and not simply observers.
4. From amongst this number the group will appoint a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and treasurer and such other officers as it deems necessary. It will give to those individuals such responsibilities as are necessary for them to carry out their roles effectively, consistent with establishing appropriate safeguards regarding the way they discharge their roles and the management of those funds for which they are accountable on behalf of the group as a whole.
5. While the group will be independent of the influence of any individual, interest group or body inside or outside the parish it will aim to consult as widely as possible and will seek the views not only of residents of the parish but of farming, commercial, industrial and leisure interests as well as those providing public services, including the parish Council.
6. The group will seek grant aided funding to allow it to discharge its functions.
7. The group will prepare an action plan to guide the planning, timing and implementation of its activities updated at regular intervals to reflect developments.
8. The group will aim to complete the parish plan by spring 2007.
9. On completion an open event will be held to launch and promote the findings and recommendations of the group.
10. The Plan will be submitted to the Thurnham Parish Council for adoption and to the Maidstone Borough Council for reference in all matters affecting the parish, including 'supplementary planning documents'.

## Annex 2

### The Thurnham Parish Plan Group



(Left to right Nick Leggat, Roger Vidler, Mary Richards, Richard Horton, Mike Perring and Deborah Jacques)

The Group comprised the following volunteers:

Chairman: **Richard Horton**

Vice Chairman: **George Snowdon**

Secretary: **Mary Richards**

Treasurer: **Deborah Jacques**

<b>David Goff*</b>	<b>Nick Leggat+</b>
<b>Dick Morley+</b>	<b>Mike Perring</b>
<b>Jeff Pilkington+</b>	<b>Roger Vidler</b>
<b>Wendy West</b>	<b>Maureen Wilson</b>
<b>Brian Woodfall*</b>	<b>Sandra Woodfall</b>

\* In 2007 David Goff stood down as Vice Chairman and Brian Woodfall as Treasurer because of other commitments.

+ Nick Leggat and Jeff Pilkington were the members of the Parish Council nominated to sit on the Group when it was first set up. Dick Morley replaced Nick Leggat following the latter's resignation.

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