

## **Horsmonden Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

The parish council had decided that a consultancy should be commissioned to guide us through the development of our neighbourhood plan and asked several consultancies to tender for the opportunity. Having received the tenders, the parish council asked us for our recommendation. We therefore studied those proposals with any substance, took up references and produced a report. We were gratified when the parish council, at its meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>, chose to accept our recommendation and appoint Feria Urbanism. Subsequently, Richard Eastham, Feria's principal, was pleased to accept the commission and we will be arranging an initial meeting with him in early December, after formalities have been completed. The steering group will then agree a project plan with Feria and will meet at regular intervals, thereafter, as the project is progressed.

We are pleased to welcome two councillors, Darren White and Linda Jenkinson, to the steering group, which will be formally constituted at its first public meeting, the date of which will be advised, in due course.

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