**REVISED PROTOCOLS FOR HAMPSTHWAITE ACTION GROUP (HAG)**

**October 2018**

**OBJECTIVES**

To work with the Parish Council and residents to preserve and protect the rural nature of the village from inappropriate development of whatever nature.

**STRUCTURE**

HAG is a voluntary organisation formed to help the Parish Council fight inappropriate development. It is run by a Committee comprising a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. It holds regular meetings that are open to all residents of the village with an Agenda and minutes. There is no formal membership.

**FINANCES**

HAG will seek to work with the Parish Council to raise funds to be known as “The Fighting Fund” which will cover the costs of meetings and publicity and, if necessary, be used to engage the services of planning and legal professionals. All funds will be controlled and administered by the Parish Council. The Fighting Fund will be segregated from other Parish Council funds and will be solely used for the reasons stated. Expenditure from the fund in excess of £300 will be agreed jointly, in advance, between HAG and the Parish Council" A statement on the Fighting Fund’s income and expenditure will be reported at Parish Council meetings and recorded in its minutes and displayed on the notice board.

**RELATIONS WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Councilors are to be invited to HAG’s meetings to provide up to date news on potential developments and progress. A HAG representative will be invited to attend the Parish Council meetings to report on their activities.

HAG will provide monthly accounts showing expenditure and a projection of possible future expenditure, in particular professional fees.

No consultant or legal advice will be commissioned without agreement between HAG and the PC

The Parish Council are fully supportive of HAG and will seek to co-operate in every possible way with HAG, consistent with the Parish Council’s obligations and responsibilities.