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**TOWN MEETING TO DISCUSS THE LOCATION OF
THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Held at Paddock Wood Primary School
7.00pm Wednesday 19th December 2018

Councillors in attendance

Bcllr Ben Chaplard
Cllr Rodney Atkins
Cllr David Sargison

Attendees

25 people attended the meeting and 22 were residents on the electoral register. Two of the remaining three attendees have connections to the area. The Friends of Memorial Playing Field (Jeremy Thompson, Jim Large, Wendy Morris, Janet Fulcher, Bryan Fulcher).

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Meryl Flashman (Chair of PWTC)
Cllr John Flashman
Cllr Ray Moon (who said he was disappointed that he was unable to attend and with the short notice of the meeting being called)
Cllr Carol Williams (Vice Chair of PWTC)
Cllr Sarah Hamilton
Cllr Ray Steward
Jonathon White (Project Manager)

Introductory remarks from Jim Large

Welcome to the first public meeting in the borough in approximate 10 years and shows the importance of what is being talked about. The meeting has been called in advance of the town council meeting which is due to take place in January when the RIBA Stage 3 proposals are expected to be approved.

The meeting was opened by Jim Large who advised that in the absence of both Chair and Vice Chair, who were invited but unable to attend at such short notice, the first task would be to appoint a Chair. Jeremy Thompson was prepared to act as Chair and this was proposed by Wendy Morris and seconded by Bryan Fulcher. The proposal for Chair was put to the meeting and there were no votes against. There were no other nominees to act for Chair and Jeremy Thompson was appointed to act in this role.

Chair's Opening Remarks

Jeremy welcomed residents to the special Town Meeting to discuss the proposals to build a new Community Centre on The Memorial Playing Field. He thanked everyone for coming along at such a busy time of year and at such short notice.

He explained the meeting has been called by The Friends of the Memorial Playing Field under the Local Government Act 1972 because it seemed that many people knew very little about the proposals for the new Community Centre. The reason for calling the meeting is because on 23 January 2019 our Town Councillors will be voting on RIBA Stage 3.

The Chairman said this was not a Paddock Wood Town Council Meeting but a meeting for all town residents to make observations, comments and suggestions about the proposed new Community Centre.

All of the legal requirements for the meeting had been met and it was his task to run the meeting correctly. This meant ensuring that only residents vote in any ballots and that minutes of the meeting were kept and published. He advised everyone that the meeting would be recorded.

If it was decided to demand a Parish Poll the Poll could only be demanded on one question, the wording of the question can be voted on so it would be for the local government electors present to decide on the wording of the question. (The wording of the question must not be ambiguous and must have a Yes or No answer.)

Presentation of Community Centre plans :

The Chairman addressed the meeting with the following comments:

- 1) Is the Memorial Field the right place to build our new Community Centre?
- 2) Do we want to lose this iconic open space? It will mean the loss of some recreational sports facilities.
- 3) It is a wonderful open space and excellent for all our health and wellbeing.
- 4) The petition started by resident Wendy Morris had 797 responses - verified by PWTC and was drilled down to 594 responses that were not in favour of the proposed community centre going on that site.
- 5) Do you all know about the decisions and plans that The Community Centre Project Board are making on your behalf?
- 6) Have you have attended drop-in events about the proposed Community Centre on The Memorial Field?

- 7) Are you aware of other site opportunities for a Community Centre?

Response from Don Kent: Yes.

The Chairman had a copy of the Proposed Paddock Wood Community Centre Report to Member of the 17th September 2017 in his hands and said there were 10 sites considered by the Town Council

- 8) If we decide that we would like to demand a Parish Poll we are advised this is likely to cost £5K and will be borne by Paddock Wood Town Council. This is a lot of money but compared with £2.8million but this is a small price to pay for the residents to get a new Community Centre in the right location. Sadly, the Parish Poll will have no legal standing and the Councillors you voted for could continue to proceed with the project. DO YOU WANT THIS?

Don Kent: Yes I do want it.

Questions, comments and feedback

The Chairman invited questions and comments from the audience. How do they feel?

1. Don Kent: When you said about £5,000 what's that for the price of democracy? Democracy is the Community and if the community are not in favour of it then the Town Council should represent those that voted them in. And if you look at the voting the Borough Council got about 800 votes the Town Council were lucky to have got 150 each so you have got quite a substantial amount of votes in your favour already.

Jeremy asked Don "would you be advocating a parish poll?" and Don said "Yes".

Don Kent used to be Town Councillor many years ago. He lives at Bullion Close.

2. Jonathan Easteal, Mount Pleasant. He does not know anything about the plan at all and would like to know a quick description of what is the plan and how much of the field is being built on. Do we need one anyway and this kind of thing. He doesn't know if any else is in the same position and would it be possible to have a quick overview?

The Chairman said there are a lot of documents available and this one is the most recent that the PWTC board produced. (Refers to The Vision For Paddock Wood Community Centre). This is exactly the point we feel that the Town Council have not engaged sufficiently with residents and certainly over the last two years the Board has been beefed up with new members of the public joining the board. If you look back it might surprise you all these notes have been produced by the Town Council for the timeline of events. This started in 1977 when the Town Council discussed the building of a hall at the Memorial Ground so it is almost unbelievable that people in the town don't know what the proposals are. This is exactly what

Wendy's poll was all about when she started this. This is available to see, this is a small group and we do not have any funding so we have not printed off these as it would have cost a fortune. If you want to pass these around. All available on the website. The Chairman was advised by Mike Ridger that these are going to be circulated officially. This document held up, was handed out at the Town Council meeting on Monday 17th December.

Wendy asked Jonathan Easteal how long he had lived in Paddock Wood and he answered six years. He knew it was going to be built but did not know too much about the detail. The Chairman said it was good for us to get an understanding and how we can reach out to more people.

3. Don Kent said to link things maybe you should say it was given to the Parish of Brenchley/Paddock Wood in 1938 after the First World War. Wendy Morris said it was originally 1938. It passed to Paddock Wood Parish Council in 1957 and it does state in the conveyance that the land was acquired for the purpose of providing a Recreation Ground and to hold such land upon trust for the perpetual use thereof by the public for the purpose of exercise and recreation. Alan Moore, Mount Pleasant said that would appear to directly contradict what it was given for. Wendy Morris said yes.
4. John Haffenden, Bramley Gardens (non Resident) asked what percentage of floor space would be given to council offices compared to actual community centre. The chairman said the Council had originally thought they would move in, but have made the decision to stay put at the Podmore Building. He said this is one of the problems that the plans are changing and also the knowledge what is coming forward in the community over the last 2 years is huge. 4,000 new houses coming in the call for sites meaning more land is available. The 10 sites that the council looked at that is now history because there are potentially new sites that could come forward and might be suitable.
5. John Haffenden wanted to make one other point and that we tonight are sitting on land that was given away for development. He went to Paddock Wood Primary School and fields to the back and land to the front was sold off and given to development and made a profit for housing. Here we are giving up precious gifted land for a community centre that he knows is for the benefit of the people but it is the wrong place.
6. Janet Fulcher, Ringden Avenue, said we are not against a community centre but that's green belt. A lot of people call it a park where people can meet and do what they want to but they won't be able to in the future.
7. John Haffenden said it is interesting the aspect of the picture on the front is taken from near the fence at Mascalls Park when it is built there won't be much ground. Jonathan Easteal said you also need to factor in the car park around it which it doesn't show.
8. Sally Large, Warrington Road said they have not shown the car parking it is just the building. Jim Large said the car parking would also be up for expansion. Originally for 60 and exiting on a main road at a critical time would be absolutely ridiculous.

9. Clifford Fairbrother, Siskin Gardens – Is there any estimate of the overall percentage of the existing land being taken for this development? Jim Large said the Town Council say it's one sixth but it's not. A couple of our guys have gone and marked it out from the latest information and it's a lot more than a sixth.
10. Don Kent asked if the children's play area was included in the measurement? He thinks they said 10% of the land would be used but you also have to measure in the tennis courts behind and the land behind the tennis courts and the car park.
11. The Chairman said these are the kind of questions you should be putting to the Town Council to be answered. It is important for Residents to get in touch with the Town Council and ask questions about the Community Centre. The best way to get in contact is via email although only a few councillors are contactable by direct email. There are going to be other engagement meetings that are coming up that will be in the public domain. That's the time you need to carry on and state your points if you don't do that we might be getting something we want but not in the right location. Jim Large said the other thing is lobby your counsellors and attend full council meetings.
12. The Chairman said there are three councillors that are against the Community Centre being build on the Memorial Field. These are Councillors Rodney Atkins who is here tonight (who identified himself). The other two are Cllr Sarah Hamilton and Cllr Ray Steward. They have publicly voted for it not to be on that site. We need to get other Councillors to understand where we are coming from to get a change because it is your community hall. We are very much for a community hall and we have heard some people say we are not thinking for the future and future generations. We are thinking about the future and want to retain the lovely open public spaces we have got and want to come up with another site for the new community hall. Jim Large said bearing in mind the population is going to rise phenomenally with the addition of all these extra houses when the borough decide where they want to build them. Due another 1000 at the moment with another 4000 in the future. 5000 more properties that community centre is not going to be big enough or in the right place and not a green area.
13. John Haffenden said his father was a co founder member of the Paddock Wood Sports Association. They got the Sports Centre built which wasn't on the Memorial Field and wasn't gifted and that was achieved by a very enterprising group of people. Why can't that be done on private land using council money that would have been achieved by selling off land like this? Why can't we have some of that back to do a similar thing that's fit for purpose on that land is there to be used.

The Chairman said that was a very valid point and when the Council looked at the 10 sites in no particular order Putlands, Mascalls Court, Elm Tree, Church Farm, Green lane, St Andrews, Hop Pocket, Nursery Road, Memorial and Badsell Road. These were the 10 sites considered and that's all online and you can look at online as to why they were ruled out. The key issue would be ownership of the land and it would make sense to use land that is owned rather than have to pay a huge amount to get the land. The Council had some consultants who scored all these sites and the strange thing is that the scores range between 14 and 7 points, with

14 being the highest, and the two that scored the highest were Putlands and Green Lane and the Memorial Ground only scored 12. There is something not quite right when you ask consultants to do a survey and then choose something else. All this is in the public domain and you can search it out and continue to support what we are trying to do.

14. Jonathan Easteal asked a question about the process of the vote. Is that the vote the final vote or can that go to the Tunbridge Wells Council as well? Cllr Atkins answered there are various stages which are called RIBA and there are four RIBA stages. Plans can change roughly through each stage. The Town Council are responsible for signing off each stage. They have signed off Stage 1 and Stage 2. Stage 3 is due to be signed off on January 23rd and pretty much will be set in stone in that respect. Stage 4 is when the planning application will go in and will go to TWBC at that stage. All they will be interested in is whether it follows planning laws. The functionality does not come into it.
15. Jonathan Easteal asked if Paddock Wood turns down the next stage on the 23rd January it cannot go to Tunbridge Wells. If they do not pass RIBA Stage 3 as it is presented to the Town Council then I guess they would have to come up with a different plan or change them by whatever means at that stage.
16. Alan Moore, Mount Pleasant asked if they changed location would they have to start Stage 1 again. Cllr Atkins said this had been asked. There is a certain amount of surveys of the land, for drains etc, have all been done. If you moved to another site that would all have to be done again for another site. My argument is that when you design a building the actual structure of the building could be picked up and put down on another site. You still need to think about access and drains etc but not the actual cost for the design of the building you can put elsewhere. Similar to a housebuilder you design your houses not just to go in one spot they have the same plans for different sites. The same applies to the community centre but there will be other costs that will be lost as they are associated with that field.
17. Jonathan Easteal: On the other hand find a gap that is no longer fit for purpose by the time it is built and have to redo it again.
18. Don Kent. At the first meeting held here to discuss the Community Centre the Borough Councillor representative said if it doesn't happen there it won't happen. Don Kent tried to say but wasn't allowed to speak what's he doing representing the Borough when it's a Paddock Wood matter. The Borough have a big stake in this to make sure they get their housing in.

The Chairman said we do have to fall in with TWBC to a certain extent and has been on working party for the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan and that has got documents on the Neighbourhood Plan site which is not statute and we are having to hold back and wait for Tunbridge Wells Borough because their plan is not ready to go but once we have got that in place then what we have decided and where things are going to go people will have to abide by that.

19. David Diggins, St Andrews Road asked what will happen to the 106 agreement and the funding about £1 million pounds if we move to another site?

The Chairman said that question had been put to the Town Council at the last Town Council Meeting on Monday night. We asked the Council what has been done to see whether that money could be attached to another site. We did not get a satisfactory answer. We were told it would be difficult but they need to write to the developers as we don't want the 106 money to be lost to Paddock Wood because we are trying to go on another site.

20. David Diggins, there must be a time lapse as whenever developers do anything under 106 they have a time lapse. It was 12 years for the traffic lights.

The Chairman replied - we were told the timescale for the building has to start would have to be 5 years. Jim Large said there won't be any money coming forward yet as there were only 60 houses approved because of the drainage.

21. Don Kent said we keep on about the community centre but it's the land that's a Memorial Field. Forget the community centre and he doesn't give a dam where it's put. The Community Centre could go by the new graveyard quite easily (Church Farm), enough parking, there's a footpath. Why has it got to be built on the Memorial Field which was given to the people of Paddock Wood, not to the Town Council who only represent us? I believe it was given due to the fallen and that's why it's called the memorial.

The Chairman replied, it does not have to be on that site and this is what this is all about. It does rely on residents to tell our Councillors, the people that you voted for, that this is not what we want, we want it on a different site. The Chairman has lived in Paddock Wood for 30 years and remembers when he first drove into Paddock Wood coming past those lovely pines and thinking this is a lovely town. His feelings haven't changed and the other great thing about the town is the people. He has had opportunities to move away but decided not to and think all us around this table are passionate we do get it right. Now is the time for us to make that happen.

22. David Diggins, St Andrews Road, asked if we had any feedback as to what location is the people's preference? David has looked at Green Lane and the building there is so isolated and probably underused.

The Chairman said no we haven't and this will be one of the questions recorded. You now have the opportunity to go to the council and say this is the site that I wish to have it built on and give the reasons. The memorial field is a memorial field and we don't want it on the memorial field. People have said to me that's a great place for it to be as it is in the centre of Paddock Wood but also there is another issue with it being on the memorial field. The main number of halls in Paddock Wood are in that area being at the Church and this community centre has got to make money but it will be in direct competition with halls opposite. There are so many reasons to be thinking about this very carefully. Parking has already been mentioned and on Remembrance Day the car park at the Memorial Field was full as there was a football match and service on at the church and cars were parked on the verge. Cars are going to come in and out of the same place.

23. Heather Keech said it was a main road and difficult to cross that road. These are all points that need to be raised with the Council. What about noise abatement when people are having parties?
24. Sally Large said what if the car park is full and cars are parked elsewhere could this be a problem for the fire engine to get out?

The Chairman said the park gates at the Memorial Field shut at 7pm. There must be statute or byelaw that will need to be changed.

The Chairman said that one site that could be used is Putlands. In the Neighbourhood plans sporting facilities at the moment are scheduled to go out to Eastlands that could mean Putlands could become redundant. It would not take a lot of work for this building to be converted? These are just thoughts.

25. Jonathan Easteal asked how do Residents contact the council? Cllr Atkins said not all councillor's emails are on the website but our telephone numbers are and people can happily call him. Cllr Atkins has asked for contact details to be addressed and thinks all email addresses should be available. The only email address is the Town Clerk and she would have a duty to forward emails to councillors. The other way is to attend Council Meetings that are on the third Monday of every month in the Day Centre and start at 7.45pm.
26. Jonathan Easteal asked how many councillors are in favour and how many councillors are against. Cllr Atkins said there are three councillors not in favour of building on the Memorial Field and have stated that. These are Ray Steward and Sarah Hamilton and himself. The other 10 councillors are in favour. Are they actually in favour or simply not opposed? Cllr Atkins said when it came to the voting of the two sites, as it got whittled down to two sites, another councillor did abstain.
27. Jonathan Easteal asked where was the other site. Cllr Atkins advised the other site was the Wesley Centre. The choice of those 10 sites got whittled down to two. Jonathan asked if they are proposing to sell the Wesley Centre to fund any of this because it doesn't get a lot of use. The Chairman said the Wesley Centre is not owned by the Town Council it is owned by the Borough Council. There was issue with car parking but it is in the centre of the town. If building in Paddock Wood goes out and up to the Elm Tree, which is where they have said they are going to build, then this won't be the centre of the town.
28. Margaret Swaite, Bullfinch Close. It's trying to drag it to the other side of the town when adding all of those then there will be nothing on that side for those people. Jonathan.
29. Don Kent. I'm curious for them to say it's a bit difficult to come out of Green Lane onto Church Road and it was dismissed as a location as it is not suitable for access. It has been deemed suitable for access for 300 new houses.
30. The Chairman said there are assets that could potentially be sold to produce money for the community centre and we should be asking our Town Council what assets

do they own and what value do you put on them and what income do they generate? Are they worth keeping?

31. What is the cost of the Community Centre? Cllr Atkins said the cost for our council tax would be £3.70 for 50 years on a Band D property. This cost will go down in time as more houses come along. More houses means more money from the council tax. These are production costs.
32. Why was the Putlands site rejected? On the chart Putlands came out top.

Mike Ridger, Goldfinch Close and Community Centre Board (he sits on the working group) said Putlands is not favoured as a location as it is only meant to be used for sports & leisure. The Community Centre would be against its use. He also said if you gave the public the choice of a swimming pool or community centre they would choose a swimming pool. He said TWBC have agreed there will be swimming pool at Putlands.

33. Peter Obermuller, Tutsham Way, asked what about Hop Pocket site? The current state is a disaster and at the last meeting he went to there was planning for flats and this has been going on for years. Why don't the council do a compulsory purchase? The Chairman said this was not big enough and the other issue is being opposite the entrance to Eldon Way. However this is the kind of thing we should be thinking about.
34. The Chairman suggested there could be land available on the Badsell Rd and when you talking about the town extending and moving further out. There is land between Foalhurst Wood and the farm at the far end and we are led to believe the owner of the land would make it available for a community centre but not for housing. He would not be expecting the price paid for building housing and it would be available at a reduced price for this facility.
35. The Chairman said there is a lot going on in Paddock Wood that we are not aware of and was not aware of the swimming pools as there is so much going on. This is one of the problems we are all grappling with, we need to be in black and white, we need to be honest and we need to know what is going on. It is really irritating that there is not this transparency. We need to act as one community and he asked everyone attending the meeting to engage with friends that are passionate about what we are doing. It will take time but there are other opportunities.
36. The Chairman said to Mike Ridger if there are Covenants on Putlands as a sporting facility and we are going to get new sports facilities at Eastlands what will happen to Putlands? Is that going to become redundant? What funding is going to be in place to keep that going? Mike Ridger replied he is sure a covenant that says for sporting facilities only could be overturned providing it has got what the community wants behind it. Could the Covenant be overturned? These are questions that need to be asked.
37. Heather Keech mentioned that when the students at Mascalls exit from school there are lots of children using Maidstone Road. She thought the children

would be safer if the Community Centre was not located on Maidstone Road.

38. It was mentioned that the land at the memorial field was gifted but is there a covenant with that field as well? Wendy Morris said she thinks there is a covenant on the field and the Council have sought legal advice from their solicitors and are confident they can get the covenant lifted.
39. Andy Mackie, Maidstone Road & Community Centre Working Party, said the advice they had had from the solicitors is that there is not a covenant apart from one saying there has to be fence around it. There is not a covenant to be lifted as far as he is aware.
40. Wendy Morris said in the conveyancing it says the land was acquired for the purpose of providing a Recreation Ground and to hold such land upon trust for the perpetual use thereof by the public for the purpose of exercise and recreation. That's a covenant. Andy Mackie stated again that it doesn't have to be lifted as far as he is aware and community use is seen to be part of it.
41. Jonathan Easteal. Would that not be open to a legal challenge? Andy Mackie replied - The advice we have is that a community centre would be perfectly legal use for exercise and recreation.
42. Andy Mackie asked if there would be enough parking at Putlands? The existing car park is often overflowing. The Chairman said the parking is similar to what is available for the Memorial Field proposal. If there is not enough parking at Putlands there is not enough parking at the Memorial Field.
43. The Chairman concluded the questions and answers and asked the Residents if we now wish to decide whether we go for a Parish Poll. He has outlined the issues and said the poll would cost in the region of £5000. The result of the poll would not be legally binding and the Town Council do not have to take notice of the result. The voting of the poll will be for all people on the electoral roll and Cllr Atkins said there are 5800 on the electoral roll. The voting will not be by post or proxy vote and will take place at whatever voting station is arranged. This is your meeting and the question for the parish poll has to be decided upon tonight. The turnout will be crucial.

There can only be demanded on one question. The wording of the question can be voted on so it is for local government elected present to decide on the wording of the question. The wording of the question must not be ambiguous and it must have a yes or no answer.

44. Jonathan Easteal, what do we think the poll is going to create? What is the result going to be?

The Chairman said we are not looking for a Brexit type situation where is 51/49. We are hoping that if we do go for the parish poll we are hoping people will say that they do not want community centre built on the memorial playing field. The question has to come from you guys and we have had a discussion about what we

think is very clear and unambiguous. We think the question should be “Is the Memorial Playing Field the right place to build the new Community Centre? “

45. David Diggins said what happens if it goes the wrong way and it is right? Wendy Morris replied then it is democracy and everyone has had the chance to say yes or no.
46. The Chairman added if it goes the wrong way then we will have to make decision as to what we are going to do and it would be foolish for us to go ahead. When you look at the anecdotal evidence that we have so far it was 594 residents said they were not in favour of building on the memorial field, that's 10% of the population. So then if our Councillors, that we elected, are going against what the public wants that doesn't seem to be a very sensible situation.
47. Don Kent asked if the question could be “Should we allow development of a building on the Memorial Field?” Once we open the gates to that and you allow it and in the end all the land. The Chairman stated we need to keep the community centre in the question.
48. The Chairman said for quite a few months as you have driven by the banner said ‘Site of the new community centre’. Last month that sign has come down, looks exactly the same, but now has the crucial word proposed. Our Council have been have been misleading us.
49. Jonathan Easteal, the problem is not just the community centre it's the car park as well. Development of the green space of the memorial park would be better because they are going to take up a large chunk of that.
50. John Haffenden, what can we do? The negative aspect we found tonight is that people won't know problems with the car park etc and that was not the best site chosen by the developers. What can we do to share that to raise the issues?
51. The Chairman said we have been in contact with TWBC about the question we propose and unfortunately they cannot give us a yes or no answer but we have gone through rules and regulations and this is the simplest question. It is unambiguous and is about the community centre and is the right question. In answer to John's question how can you help to get more information out there, this report to members 17th Sept, if you have time to read it gives you all the answers as to why sites were turned down and results of the Council's questionnaire from 182 people.
52. Andy Mackie said that is not true a lot more people have given verbal input what is in the report is a written account. The Chairman said we accept this is the document that the Council have produced and take the numbers that are on it, but accepted Andy's statement.
53. Sally Large asked what was the question again. The Chairman said “Is the Memorial Field the right place to build the new community centre?”

54. Sally Large said could it read “Is the Memorial field the right place to build the new community centre with a large car park?” The Chairman and Jonathan Eastal said no to this wording. The Chairman said the problem is we do not want the Memorial Field built on.
55. Don Kent, when we had it before from the Town Council they said would you like a community centre built on the Memorial Playing Field and anyone who doesn't know Paddock Wood and has only been here a few years is going yeh of course would love a community centre. They don't know anything about it.
56. The chairman said that's why Wendy Morris started her petition so that we really do get it out to the public domain. A good nucleus of people here tonight who are passionate about it. We have had a very good conversation and not restricted people to speaking to 3 minutes. This is so important to us to get real Paddock Wood people here listening and engaging.
57. Jim Large said the planning application for the Community Centre will be submitted at the beginning of February. If that happens we have to get the Parish Poll done during January or within 25 days. Once the planning application goes in people can do written objections to TWBC at the same time. The timing of the meeting and the parish poll if you are going to agree to do this and we take a vote on it. We have pushed this (meeting) to happen before our Council get to sign off RIBA Stage 3. Appreciate it is very short notice but we need to get this done.

Motions

The Chairman asked the meeting how many people were in favour of a parish poll?

21 residents voted in favour

The Chairman asked the meeting what should the question be emphasising again (that the wording of the question must not be ambiguous and must have a Yes or No answer).

Ben Chaplard, LibDem Borough Councillor for St James, advised that there was a Parish Poll called in Wadhurst and the wording could be similar to their vote. Just need to add in Paddock Wood.

The wording of the question was changed to read:

Is the Memorial Field the right location for the new Paddock Wood Community Centre?

Proposed by Don Kent.

Seconded by Alan Moore.

21 residents voted in favour of this proposal.

Any Other Business

1. Don Kent: are we going to have an action committee. The Chairman said we definitely need help. We will be producing flyers which will be hand delivered. As soon as we will know the date it might be 25 days time if you would like us to contact you by email or phone please add details to the back of the green (voting) card. Please also share tonight with your friends to get more people on board. Please refer to the document "Report to Members produced on the 17th Sept 2017" as a result of the survey which might answer some of the questions and make you realise there are other opportunities. This is on Paddock Wood Town Council website or email the Council clerk.
2. Don Kent said thank you to the Chairman and the committee and I wish to help.
3. The Chairman, if you attend the future engagement events you will need some thoughts on location/proposals/ideas for other sites. That will help the Council to move forward. Please give this some time on 10th January and 12th January at Paddock Wood Library.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Jeremy Thompson

Chair of meeting

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