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**MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 21st November 2018 at 8.00PM  
THE WESLEY CENTRE, PADDOCK WOOD.**

**PRESENT:**

Meryl Flashman (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)  
Carol Williams (Steering Group Secretary, Town Councillor and lead for Sports & Recreation Group)  
John Flashman (Steering Group member, Heritage Group & Town Councillor)  
Mike Ridger (Steering Group member, Chairman of PW Athletic Club, Sports and Recreation Group)  
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group member & resident)  
Mark Noterman (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)  
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member, member of PWBA and lead for Town Centre Group)  
Fred Lemont (Member U3A & resident)  
David Henshaw (Steering Group Member & Town Councillor)  
Rebecca Roberts (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)  
Ann Newman (Steering Group Member and Green Infrastructure group)  
Sarah Hamilton (Steering Group member, Town/Borough/County Councillor & Lead for Heritage Group) – arrived 20.40 hours

**APOLOGIES:** Andrew Mackie (Steering Group member & Community Centre Working Party rep)

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th October 2018 were agreed subject to the following amendments:

SH requested an amendment to Item 5 to reflect that those in opposition are objecting to the site, not the community centre (item amended).

Item 8 – the wrong date was recorded and has been corrected.

**2. Information items arising**

MF reported that there had not been any response from Churchill Homes about the proposed development in the centre of town.

MR asked if SH has had contact with Churchill, but SH reported none to date.

It was agreed to resend the invite to attend a Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

**3. Housing and Infrastructure policy**

- AM had sent his thoughts regarding economic and housing needs to the Town Centre Group, who suggested additions to this document. Issues re housing were discussed. These notes will be forwarded to Amy who had attended the October meeting to discuss housing.

- **Schools/education**

MF & John Hall met with school staff at Mascalls; MF summarised issues arising:

- i. If there are more local children, this will reduce the catchment area which may reduce traffic during the beginning and end of the school day, as local children are more likely to walk

- ii. No other new information arose
- iii. The group discussed adding general statements for different school types e.g. pedestrian routes & traffic control, ensuring sufficient school places for local children.

MN asked about the parcel of land behind the school – could they be encouraged to buy this for expansion. It was suggested that the steering group looks at what TWBC has said about that parcel of land.

RB suggested adding a statement about not selling off school playing fields with references to relevant policies

- **Surface water**

The Borough planning team had suggested including a statement re surface water management and CW has met with Peter Trent to draft policy statements for this area.

- **Health & social care**

CW and SH are yet to meet to draft the policy statements. MN stressed the importance of ensuring that there are sufficient GP services & dental services (including facilities for both private & NHS services). The NP should state that it would look favourably at health hubs and local community services (refer to Sustainability & Transformation Plan & West Kent CCG Local Care Plan).

#### **4. Updates from Working Groups**

##### ***Town Centre***

RB reported back on the work of the Town Centre Group from 26<sup>th</sup> October – David Marriott joined the group and the meeting explored economic development. RB felt that they need more members involved to create the policies.

##### ***Green Infrastructure***

MN will have revised the final draft of the Green Infrastructure for the next meeting. **He** informed the group that he is resigning as he is moving to Hadlow in February 2019. Rebecca will take over as group lead. MF suggested that we focus on this policy document in January before Mark goes. She thanked Mark for all his work on this.

##### ***Sports & Recreation***

CW reported on the Sports & Recreation policies. The outdoor sports hub had been discussed at the Town Council meeting and whilst there is general support for the outdoor sports hub, there was some disagreement about the location, due to the proximity to Eldon Way and the current difficulties with traffic build up due to parked cars. DH suggested a roundabout from the distribution centre with exits to the hub & Transfesa. This might create costs for both Transfesa businesses and the hub itself.

CW also reported that she had been unable to find someone to provide a diagram of the proposed external sports hub layout – any ideas welcome.

##### ***Heritage***

SH reported that the group had met & were waiting to walk around the town with the Heritage Officer from TWBC. The group has agreed that they need more photos & are due to meet again shortly.

MF stated that we need to agree a final draft date, but TWBC local plan is delayed due to flooding issues and is now likely to be finished after the election in May 2019.

#### **5. Community Centre update**

The Working Group is planning major consultation events in January 2019, but has been unable to find suitable venues. The plans are for an afternoon and evening session on a week day and a third session on a Saturday in January. These will include displays of exterior design, possibly with a model and detail of possible building materials. RIBA stage 3 is due to be signed off after the consultation event prior to being submitted for planning permission.

Sarah Mewett & MF had discussed the Community Centre and feel that the Neighbourhood Plan Group/ Facebook page should not be involved in the emotive discussions regarding the location of the Community Centre and should only be posting factual information.

#### **6. Any Other Information**

MF reported the finances: currently there is a regular spend of £50/month to SM for managing the Facebook page.

The spend to date is £31, 498 with £26,502 remaining in the budget.

Facebook: there has been little activity this last month, despite a number of posts. Most popular post town centre update which reached 415 people. Members still joining. Need 2-3 posts/week. Monthly articles in Town Crier continue by MF.

MF reported that Feria cannot provide a mapping service, but TWBC may do this or we could approach the printshop or Lambert & Foster. MF feels Feria should be providing this service and will discuss with Richard.

MF asked SH about allocation of a dedicated Borough Officer, but SH said she would find out who this was.

RB raised the sale of the Police houses – MF informed the group that Edenbridge, Leysdown & Paddock Wood are the three stations being closed. The PCSOs will be located at the Fire Station. She explained about the low crime figures and how they are distorted by lack of info from 111. SH stated that she had raised concerns about the lack of consultation, especially in view of Community Centre development. The question was raised about the PCSOs being housed in community centre. It has been suggested that this site is suitable for housing.

FL raised concern about the Henley Road closure with the plans for hop marketing board. CW stated that these plans has currently been withdrawn, as further research needs to be undertaken.

#### **7. DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING:**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dates and times of future Steering Group meetings: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 ....