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**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th May 2019 at 8.00PM
THE WESLEY CENTRE, PADDOCK WOOD.**

Present

Meryl Flashman (MF), (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)
Carol Williams (CW), (Steering Group Secretary, Town Councillor, Lead for Sports & Recreation Group)
Mike Ridger (MR) (Steering Group member, Sports and Recreation Group, Paddock Wood Athletics Club (PWAC))
Jeremy Thompson (JT) (Steering Group member & resident)
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member, member of PWBA and lead for Town Centre Group)
Anne Newman, (AN) (Steering Group Member, Green Infrastructure Group, resident)
Andrew Mackie, (AM) (Steering Group member & Community Centre Working Party) (arrived late)
Sarah Hamilton (SH), (Steering Group member & Lead for Heritage Group) (arrived late)

Bill Hills would like to join the Steering Group as a Town Councillor – this will be ratified at the next PWTC meeting.

APOLOGIES:

David Henshaw. David is no longer a Councillor but would like to continue as a resident
John Flashman. John is no longer a Councillor but would like to continue as a resident
Rebecca Roberts (Resident & Green Infrastructure Group)
John Hall (Resident & Sports & Recreation group)

Rodney Atkins (Town Councillor & Resident)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2019 were approved.

2. Information items arising

- a) T.P.Os – JT received a report from the Tree Officer at Borough. Some trees have TPOs on Memorial Field, but these were not the pines along the road. If TPOs were applied, they could be removed if there was good reason for development. There are TPOs on the trees along Eastlands. JT read the email to the group: it referred to many stakeholders. The Trees on the Southern border are protected as are those north of the railway. Those on the east of Memorial Field are not protected, but there are no plans for trees to be removed & the tree officer does not believe the trees are under threat or require TPOs at present.
- b) Action: CW to ask David Sargison & review with email at next meeting.

- c) Further deferment of meeting with TWBC which had previously been deferred from end April to 15th May. It has been deferred again with no alternative date provided. MF reported difficulties discussing this with Steve Baughan. We have also not received copies of the promised draft Local Plan yet & we are unlikely to see this before the meeting on Tuesday 21st May. MF reported some frustration as we have little information about the format of the meeting, but assuming as below.
- d) A public meeting re the Tunbridge Wells draft local plan will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 21st May, at Paddock Wood Primary School. It will involve a presentation by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to Paddock Wood Town Council regarding the Tunbridge Wells Draft Local Plan that will guide future development in the borough up to 2033. This meeting is open to the public & PWTC have advertised the event.

3. Meeting with Richard Eastham

MF gave a summary of the meeting she & CW had with Richard. Richard emphasised the need for the master planning to occur first, before he works with us further. He felt he would be wasting our time and money if he came for a day before this is completed.

Issues raised:

- The possibility that the sports hub will be located in Capel Parish, which is outside our NP area. Richard suggested contacting Capel & putting in a request to extend the NP boundary to include Capel land.
- Master planning: Richard stated that this was key to unlocking our NP. He said that the master plan should be developed alongside our neighbourhood plan and we should be involved. He talked about the benefits of NP Groups allocating housing sites, but is aware that TWBC is not going to let PWNPSG be involved in this process. However, we should be involved in the tender for master planning consultants and the selection of these and be a key player in the development of the master plan.
- Richard stated that there was a need to update background papers to reflect updated studies & guidance from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and other areas, but the additions should be added as an addendum rather than changing the original document.

4. Housing and Infrastructure policy

MF reported that we need to pull this policy together and she has been working on some elements. CW will send MF the health & social care section.

5. Any Other Information

- e) Any updates from Working Groups – no change since last meeting
- f) Facebook – issues around Travellers discussed & damage to Elm Tree facilities
- g) Town Crier – MF written article this month

SH referred to email from AM & made points re her dual roles, which occur because few people apply for positions on the Council. She will respond to his email. JT thanked AM for his response, but will not change his stance.

RB raised concerns that residents may not support NP with the draft Local Plan proposing 4,000 houses. The group will need to request support from all 4 Borough Councillors once we have heard more about the draft Local Plan.

AM suggested separating what is happening re houses from the Neighbourhood Plan to get public support for the plan.

6. DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 19^h June 2019

Dates and times of future Steering Group meetings: 17th July 2019, 21 August 2019, 18 September 2019, 16 October 2019, 20 November 2019, 18 December 2019.