



Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Update December 2018

Over the past month the Steering Group continues to work hard on behalf of Paddock Wood. At its last meeting there were updates from three of the four working groups.

The Sports and Recreation group has updated its policy document and also arranged to discuss informally its vision for a sports hub in Paddock Wood with members of the Town Council who are not directly involved with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Town Centre group is currently focussing on economic development in Paddock Wood. It spent its last meeting discussing the parts of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's economic needs study which relate to Paddock Wood with a view to developing its own policy at the next meeting. The possibility of holding discussions with the economic development officer from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council was also discussed.

The Heritage Group has met to discuss the traditional materials and designs which feature in Paddock Wood such as weather boarding, peg tiles, bricks, oast cowl, decorated wooden porches and brick wall decoration. Photographs of good examples are being collated for inclusion in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

As well as all this, work continues on the new policy for the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This month evidence has been gathered about education, health needs, housing needs and surface water drainage. Once all the data and evidence has been collated it will be combined into our new housing and Infrastructure policy

So, although Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has yet again delayed the issue of their draft local plan, we are still finding ourselves with plenty of work to get on with.

To keep up to date with what is going on with all aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan you are welcome to join the Steering Group at their meetings which take place in the Wesley Centre on the third Wednesday of each month. You can also follow the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page.

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