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**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 8.00 PM at  
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)  
Andrew Mackie, (Steering Group member & Community Centre Working Party representative)  
Rebecca Roberts, (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)  
Mike Ridger (Steering Group Member, Sports & Recreation Group & Town Councillor)  
Anne Newman, (Steering Group Member, Resident)  
Sarah Hamilton, (Steering Group member, Town Councillor & Lead for Heritage Group) (arrived late)

**Apologies:**

Steve Barrett (Steering Group Member & Town Councillor)  
Sue Lovell, (Steering Group Member & Resident)  
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group member & Resident)  
John Flashman, (Steering Group member & Heritage Group)  
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member & Lead for Town Centre Group)

MF reported that JF has submitted his resignation from the group, which leaves a vacancy for a member of the public.

Bill Hills has not attended any meetings or made contact since putting his name forward to be on the Steering Group. Therefore it was proposed to remove his name from the list of Steering Group members. It was suggested that Councillor Don Kent, who has been attending meetings, might like to take this place.

**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January, with one exception: Sue Lovell is a Steering Group Member.

**2. Information items arising**

- The second application from Churchill Homes has not been decided by TWBC, but it is likely that they will refuse this, as it still conflicts with the current and emerging Local Plans. It is possible that Churchill will use this application for their appeal which will now go to hearing, date to be agreed.

- MF reported that all comments relating to TWBC local plan are available at TWBC Local Plan web page at [www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/localplan) (see 'Draft Local Plan Comments and Next Steps' section).
- MF reported that SH had suggested a member of the public on the PWNPSG should attend the Strategic Sites Working Group rather than MF. This was briefly discussed as it was quickly agreed that MF should carry on due to the burden of maintaining confidentiality. This was carried with 6 out of 6 members in favour of MF continuing.
- CW agreed to approach Steve Baughan again to request what is happening with the Hop Pocket site, as this is beginning to become an eyesore at the entrance to the Town.

### **3. Financial report**

MF reported that there had been £50 spend on Facebook in the last month.

### **4. Governance Document**

A revised draft of the Governance Document was reviewed and some further amendments suggested. These were agreed and will be submitted to Town Council for final approval (see attached).

(SH joined the meeting during this discussion)

### **5. Any Other Information**

- Facebook report: the report was considered under item 3. MF reported that Teresa Maxwell is doing considerable work to synchronise the Facebook Group with the PWNP page. It was suggested that the Facebook page would have 'PWNP – developing Paddock Wood for the Future', which Teresa will add to the page. In future, Teresa will approve posts before they will be published on the page.
- SH reported on the Social Housing Select Committee – Town & Country are working with Parishes and Neighbourhood Plans

**There were no members of the public present, but it was noted that at this point they would have been asked to leave, as Item 6 is commercially sensitive.**

### **6. Progress on recruitment of new consultant.**

MF reported that two consultants had been approached based on recommendations and one approached Town Council. Informal meetings have been held with two, but the third is retiring. A further recommendation has been received, and that individual will be approached.

**DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dates and times of future Steering Group meetings: 15<sup>th</sup> April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November, 16 December.

Meryl Flashman 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020