



## PADDOCK WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

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### VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 7.30PM.

Meryl Flashman, (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)  
Rebecca Roberts, (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)  
Sarah Hamilton, (Steering Group member, Town Councillor & Lead for Heritage Group)  
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group Member, Resident)  
Sue Lovell (Steering Group Member, Resident)  
Mike Ridger (Steering Group Member, Sports & Recreation Group & Town Councillor)  
Jon Herbert, Troy Hayes Consulting  
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member lead for Town Centre)  
Sarah Hamilton, (Steering Group member, Town Councillor & Lead for Heritage Group)  
Christine Spicer, Tony Whetstone (Local Residents)

#### APOLOGIES:

Carol Williams, (Steering Group Secretary, Town Councillor, and lead for Sports & Recreation Group)  
Andrew Mackie, (Steering Group member & Community Centre Working Party representative)

#### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were  
APPROVED.

#### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

- SH confirmed that she had approved the grant for the Communications officer.
- Appointment of new members of steering group – Christine Spicer had put her name forward to become a member of the group. She gave a brief outline of her experience and interests to members. Members voted unanimously to appoint CS to the Steering Group.
- Steven Barrett from Paddock Wood Town Council resigned as a Town Councillor

### **3. PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

SL reported that the leaflet and questionnaire was at the printers, and the distribution was booked with the Royal Mail for the 9<sup>th</sup> November. Spare leaflets would be placed in public locations.

Banners and Correx Boards had also been ordered and would be placed around the town at strategic points.

Articles had been sent to Contact Magazine, Town Crier, and the PW & East Peckham Magazine.

### **4. FEEDBACK FROM MASTER PLANNING EVENT**

JH gave a brief outline of the master planning event which had been held with the Borough Council's consultants David Locke.

Areas for future development had been outlined and the following points had been highlighted as being important, the discussion did not cover the Town Centre:

- Green spaces – maintain the green wedges
- Retain separate identities for Capel and Paddock Wood
- Good quality sports and recreation facilities
- Drainage and flooding mitigation
- To integrate active and sustainable travel

There was also a discussion on the recent developments and the importance of retaining green and leafy spaces. Design should reflect the older developments in the town.

Notes from the meeting were circulated for members information.

AECOM have put the design code work on hold for the time being until they know the outcome of the work by David Locke. It is expected to have the first draft of their work at the end of October.

They have started work on master planning and are looking at the following:

- Development of green space
- Active Travel

The work on the town centre will wait until DL have put forward their plans.

JH then showed the group the master planning tool which was used at the event.

The steering group members made the following points:

- Development needs to respect the listed buildings
- Green wedges should not be over managed
- Need to promote SUD

5. **CHURCHILL HOMES**

An online hearing will be held on November 17th. The Town Council would be sending in further representations against the development. A very comprehensive response had already been sent and only new information can be submitted.

6. **KENT RAIL STRATEGY**

Jeremy Thompson has drawn this consultation to the attention of the NP Steering Group. Steering Group members need to decide if they wish to respond as a group or individually.

Kent County Council (KCC) is currently consulting on their draft Kent Rail Strategy 2021.

The Strategy aims to influence train services in the county for the next decade. They want to make sure the voices of communities, businesses and partners are heard to ensure our rail network will help deliver economic growth and to represent what Kent's travelling public want and need.

This consultation closes at midnight on Tuesday 17 November

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/kentrailstrategy2021>

JT agreed to look at it in more detail and discuss with Cllr Sargison.

The following are points to consider:

- There will be significant impact when the new houses are built
- Unlikely to be halt at Tudeley as it is only 7 minutes from Paddock Wood to Tonbridge
- Will the Covid 19 pandemic see a permanent reduction in commuting.

7. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

A copy of the current position was attached for members information.

8 **FACEBOOK REPORT**

A copy of the report was attached for members information.

**DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING:** The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 18 November 2020. Dates of future Steering Group meetings: 16 December.