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**VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th February 2021 at 7.00PM**

Meryl Flashman, (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)
Rebecca Roberts, (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group Member, Resident)
Sue Lovell (Steering Group Member, Green Infrastructure Group)
Don Kent (Town Councillor Steering Group)
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member lead for Town Centre)
Carol Williams, (Steering Group Secretary, Town Councillor, and lead for Sports & Recreation Group)
Andrew Mackie, (Steering Group member & Community Centre Working Party representative)
Christine Spicer, (Steering Group Member)
Nichola Reay (Town Clerk)
Rodney Atkins (Town and Borough Councillor)
Fred Lemont, Joan Bryant, Sheila Craft (Paddock Wood Residents)
John Hall (Steering Group member and PWFC)
Sarah Hamilton (Steering Group member} Town Borough County Councillor, Heritage Group)

APOLOGIES: Mike Ridger (Steering Group Member, Sports & Recreation Group & Town Councillor)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22nd January 2021 were approved.

2. INFORMATION ITEMS ARISING

3. MEETINGS WITH TWBC

A meeting was held between Troy Planning and TWBC to discuss the Town Centre on 26th January. Further information was awaited.

A meeting to discuss the Sports Hub will be held with TWBC on the 2nd March. The purpose of this meeting is to try and understand the decisions TWBC have made and to explain why the Neighbourhood Plan group consider a site north of the railway line to be better. Troy Planning will attend this meeting.

4. PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Troy Planning have been in touch with Aecom and suggested the following to assist in their work on design codes:

- 1/ Preparing design codes / guidance showing how Suds can be incorporated within multi-functional green spaces / corridors and how these can be successfully framed by new development.
- 2/ Preparing design codes / guidance showing how proposed green corridors within the growth area connect into the existing built form and how the existing built form might be remodelled to form a continuation of these corridors.
- 3/ On a similar theme to above, the structure plan shows the potential location of connecting routes into the new growth area, but not how this will be achieved. If we want people to walk and cycle more, or use the bus, then these routes need to be safe, attractive, compelling propositions for people to use. It would thus be useful to have some codes / guidance on what a typical new street in the growth area might look like and how streets in the existing urban area might be remodelled with cycle infrastructure or bus routes etc to provide for a continuous route.
- 4/ General guidance on local design qualities and cues that can be used to influence the scale / form / layout of new development.

Both TWBC cabinet and the TWBC full council have now agreed to undertake consultation on the Pre-Submission of the Local Plan 2020-2038 (Regulation 19) and its supporting Sustainability Appraisal from March 26th, 2021 for eight weeks.

<https://democracy.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=118&MId=4886>

For growth at / around Paddock Wood see Item 8, Appendix B. The section on Paddock Wood starts on page 138.

Concern was expressed that some key documents were not available to borough members prior to the meeting. Cllr Hamilton offered to discuss this outside of the meeting.

It was asked if AECOM had a deadline to complete their work, and what the impact on the NP timeline would be. There was currently no specific timeline for the Plan at present.

Troy Planning have started analysing the results from the survey and report was attached for members. Troy Planning would start updating the policies.

The following was raised:

- Climate change – U3A have a group exploring this subject and have a day set aside in March on the subject.
- Protect & enhance green spaces – concerned about the Memorial Playing Field, need to start listening to residents, must listen to what is said

- Provision for electric car charging points – been offered by KCC. A discussion was had on the subject.

5. **ICEFOX DEVELOPMENTS**

Members discussed whether a further meeting should be held with Icefox now that the Churchill Development has been approved.

Troy had advised that the group should have an idea as to what was wanted in the town centre and to see what the Master Plan proposes.

Members agreed that it would be difficult to put forward suggestions as to what would be required in the town centre until the Borough's master plan was drawn up.

Due to the absence of a Local Plan developers could submit an application at any time which would be difficult to refuse.

It was agreed that a dialogue should be maintained with Icefox and they should be invited to a future meeting.

6. **COMMUNICATION REPORT**

The Facebook report had been forwarded.

SL asked if members were happy with her work with Stop Over Development as long as her work did not conflict with her work on the NP. Members were not concerned.

Regular updates would be placed on social media. The Instagram account had been set up.

7. **FINANCE REPORT**

An up to date financial report was attached for members information.

8. **ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

A discussion was had on how to recruit new members. SH advised that she would like to stand down but wanted more members of the public to join. Not town councillors. It was agreed that younger members were needed. SH undertook to contact Mascalls School. RR would also make contact with former scout members & SL would contact the guide leaders. JH would circulate to the football club members. NR would send an email to all groups in Paddock Wood to get the word out. Flyers could be delivered to the new houses to let the new residents know about the plans. It was agreed to wait until after the next meeting when the legal position on carrying out deliveries was known.

SL would draw up a flyer to be distributed.

It was agreed that a standard flyer should be drawn up.

JH & SL would be willing to attend the meeting on the 2nd March if there were spare spaces.

The borough councillors were asked to contact TWBC directly to attend the meeting.

DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING: The next scheduled meeting is on 17th March 2021. Dates of future Steering Group meetings: 21st April, 19th May, 16th June 21st July