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## **VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

Meryl Flashman, (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group, resident)  
Rebecca Roberts, (Steering Group, Green Infrastructure group and resident)  
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group Member, Resident)  
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, resident)  
Christine Spicer, (Steering Group Member, Green Infrastructure group, resident)  
Nichola Reay (Town Clerk)  
Cllr M Ridger, Town Councillor, Sports & Recreation Group, resident)  
Jon Herbert (Troy Planning)  
Sue Lovell (Steering Group Member, Green Infrastructure group & Resident)

Tony Whetsone + 1 resident

### **APOLOGIES**

John Hall (Steering Group member, Sports and Recreation group)  
Sarah Hamilton (Town Councillor, Borough Councillor, heritage group)

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March were approved.

### **2. Information items arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **3. Update from Troy Planning**

The first draft of the revised plan had been prepared and submitted to members for comment. The group was asked to collate any responses via MF who would forward them to Jon Herbert.

The following work had been carried out:

- The draft policies from 2019 had been updated
- The comments from the re-launch consultation had been included

- It had been re-drafted to reflect the emerging policies in the Local Plan
- References to Climate Change, Covid 19 Pandemic and the Quality of Life Index had been included
- Case studies would be inserted to show what can be achieved.
- There were gaps relating to biodiversity and greenspaces
- First homes needed to be looked at

Concerns were raised about the local ecology and the removal of trees at Church Farm. CW updated the group on the current position:

- The poplars at Church Farm were always going to be felled
- The pear orchard was to be retained
- The bluebell wood was protected
- RR and Councillors had met with the developers to discuss the concerns

TW advised the group that he owned Tudeley Brook Farm which was part of the green corridor for the Local Plan. Although it is in Capel Parish he would like to talk to the group about the proposals for the site.

#### 4. Meeting with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and David Locke Associates

A meeting was held on Thursday 15th April at which the Town Centre master planning proposals were shared with the Town Council and the Neighbourhood Plan group. Beyond that which was discussed at the meeting there were no further details available at present.

#### 5. Aecom

A meeting was held with AECOM on Thursday 15th April. The purpose of the meeting with AECOM was to hold a 'virtual site visit', where AECOM were shown around the area by StreetView on shared screens.

They were going to visit Paddock Wood to visit the important areas.

MF explained to members the work of Aecom, who were working on Design Codes and the Master Planning for the Town Centre.

#### 6. Icefox Developments

Icefox Developments had submitted a planning application for their Town Centre Site. They were applying for outline permission to build mixed-use development incorporating up to 16no. residential apartments (Use Class C3), office use (Use Class E), and community use (Use Classes E/F1.2/F.2) with associated access and parking. JH had contacted Icefox to discuss their plans but they were only able to discuss the community facilities. Icefox were advised to contact the Town Council to discuss them further.

RB advised that he had met with and had discussions with Icefox.

7. Communication reports

Members noted the Communication Report

8. Finance report

Members noted the finance report.

9. Any Other Information

Members agreed unanimously that TW should join the Steering Group.

It was agreed that the group would continue to meet by Zoom.

The Sport and Recreation Group would meet to further discuss the proposal for a sports facility – in particular the group's preferred site at Eastlands Lane.

CS & AN were thanked for the work done on the Green spaces

JT & RR had distributed leaflets to the new houses on Mascalls Grange.

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