



PADDOCK WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
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VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th March 2021

Meryl Flashman, (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)
Rebecca Roberts, (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group Member, Resident)
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)
Borough/Town Councillor Atkins
John Hall (Steering Group member and PWFC)
Sarah Hamilton (Steering Group member, Town, Borough, County Councillor, Heritage Group)

APOLOGIES; Cllr M Ridger, Jon Herbert (Troy Planning)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th February 2021 were AGREED.

2. Information items arising

3. Meeting with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

A meeting to discuss the proposed location of the Sports Hub was held with TWBC. The key outcome of this meeting was an agreement that TWBC would attend a meeting of the Sports and Recreation NP group to discuss this issue further. CW had contacted Hannah Young to invite her to attend a meeting at the end of March. However, it was made clear that TWBC would be going forward to the Reg 19 consultation with their proposed site.

4. Report from Troy Planning

The report from Troy Planning had been circulated to members and is attached to these minutes. Members were concerned that the Local Plan was still going ahead despite there being no plans for the Town Centre.

5. Report from Aecom

Ben Castell from AECOM has reported that they are unable to start any meaningful work on the Neighbourhood Plan design codes and town centre planning until TWBC shares their consultant's work.

6. Icefox Developments

Mark Cooper has said that he would be happy to attend a NP meeting but as the consultation period will soon commence for his outline planning application which has now been submitted to TWBC he would prefer to engage directly with Troy planning during the consultation period if there is a wish for his proposals to consider the outcome of the recent NP review. This can be done on a without prejudice basis for both parties in view that the policy is still emerging. Members agreed that Jon Herbert should hold discussions with Ice fox.

Members made the following points regarding the proposed development:

Would like to see a market area

Needs a connection from Station Road to Commercial Road

7. Heritage Buildings in Paddock Wood

Based on information so far received from Steering Group members a document has been compiled which identifies buildings which can be considered for addition to the draft NP. Most but not all are Grade 2 listed buildings which do not require further protection. Members wondered whether the John Brunt VC Pub required additional protection. Also it has been suggested that there might be graves at the back of the Wesley Centre.

8. Communication reports

There was no report from the communication officer. Members noted the FB report.

9. Finance report

Members received a copy of the current financial position.

10. Any Other Information

Members reviewed the proposed leaflet and agreed that amendments were required. JT & RR agreed to distribute copies to the new estates. 150 A5 copies to be produced in Town Council Offices

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