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**VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STEERING GROUP HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 19th January 2022 at 7.00PM.
THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM**

Meryl Flashman, (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group, resident)
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group Member, Resident)
Carol Williams, (Steering Group Secretary, Town Councillor, and lead for Sports & Recreation Group)
Rodney Atkins, (Borough Councillor, resident)
Christine Spicer, (Steering Group Member, Green Infrastructure group, resident)
Nichola Reay (Town Clerk)
Tony Whetstone (Associate steering group member, Capel Resident)
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member, Business Association, lead for Town Centre)
Andy Mackie (Steering Group member, Community Centre Working Party representative, Town Cllr, resident)
Charles Mackonochie (Capel Parish Council)

Mrs J Bryant (Guest)

APOLOGIES: Jon Herbert (Troy Planning)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th November 2021 were APPROVED

1. Information items arising

- Contact with Redrow and Persimmon – it was still hoped to arrange a meeting. There will be a public presentation of the development held in Wesley Centre on Friday 28th January 2022, 4-7pm, and Saturday the 29th January 2022, 10am-1pm.
- Contact with Capel NP group – CM from the Capel group was present at the meeting
- Copies of draft neighbourhood plan and associated design codes were sent to Paddock Wood Town Councillors and the four Borough Councillors as agreed – Comments had been received CC Hamilton regarding the plans and these would be circulated to members. JH had responded to her comments.

(Steering group members expressed some concerns about the possible locations of the new primary schools.)

- Original policies on the website have now been archived.
- The dates for the Public Enquiry into the Local Plan had been received. The start date was the 1st April 2022.

2. Draft Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 document

- Discussion of comments from TWBC on draft regulation 14 document

Following an email exchange with Aecom and on the recommendation of both AECOM and Jon Herbert the Local Plan policy section will be removed from the Design Code. This will avoid the need for later alterations and amendments should the policy be changed through the Local Plan examination and thus keeping the Code up to date.

- Update on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA screening)

The Screening has now been undertaken by TWBC and sent to the Statutory Consultees for their comments. TWBC has given them three weeks (from this week) to respond (it normally takes five). The reports from TWBC are attached. They conclude that neither SEA nor full HRA (Habitats Regulations Assessment) is required. Once this has been agreed Hopefully the statutory consultees will agree the Plan will be able to proceed to the Regulation 14 consultation. The Comments from TWBC had been helpful and reasonable. Education and self-build allocations were the principal areas of concern.

Members discussed the publicity material for the Regulation 14 consultation. Draft documents had been forwarded for discussion.

The following points were agreed.

- a) 2-sided leaflet to all residents. The front of the leaflet will be as suggested, but the back to be the vision sheet (with the speech bubbles).
- b) Title of the front page to "HELP PADDOCK WOOD SHAPE ITS OWN FUTURE".
- c) Consultation running from Monday 28th February for 6 weeks to Monday 4th April. Consultation materials will be available to see in Barsleys and the Town Council Office throughout the consultation period. Enquiries would be made to see if they could be place in the library as well.
- d) Drop in event in the Day Centre for a Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Details to be included on the leaflet

e) Proposed policies section of the consultation document to be revised and broken up into smaller sections as it currently seems off putting.

e.g., Heading Town Centre, followed by TC 1-5 and then a small comment box. Heading Green Infrastructure followed by G 1-19 and then a small comment box. and so on. Ending with a general comment box. Rather than numbers could icons be used. E.g., faces. Also, a comment that people do not need to respond to every question.

f) Banners would be placed around the town

g) An email would be sent to local organisations and those who have already expressed an interest in the project.

3. Any Other Information

Cllr Williams advised that she had attended a meeting which had been arranged by Greg Clark MP to discuss sports and recreation in Paddock Wood. This had been attended by borough officers and the local sports groups.

The Planning Officers advised that the Borough Councils preferred site for the new sports hub is on land by the Badsell Roundabout and they would not be changing that stance. This is despite the NP preferred location on the corner of Eastlands Lane.

DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING: The next scheduled meeting is on 16th February 2022,

Dates of future Steering Group 16th March 20th April, 18th May 15th June, 20th July