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**MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, 8.00 PM,  
THE WESLEY CENTRE, PADDOCK WOOD.**

**Present:**

Meryl Flashman (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)  
Carol Williams (Steering Group Secretary, Town councillor and lead for Sports & Recreation Group)  
John Flashman (Steering Group member, Heritage Group & Town Councillor)  
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group member & resident)  
Mike Ridger (Steering Group member, Chairman of PW Athletic Club, Sports and Recreation Group)  
Mark Noterman (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)  
Anne Newman (Steering Group member & resident)  
Rodney Atkins (Paddock Wood Town Councillor)  
Andy Mackie (Steering Group Member, Community Centre Working Party)  
John Hall (Steering Group & Sports & Recreation Group)  
Rebecca Roberts (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)  
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member, member of PWBA and lead for Town Centre Group)

**Apologies**

David Henshaw (Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)  
Sarah Hamilton (Steering Group member, Town/Borough/County Councillor & Lead for Heritage Group)

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May were agreed as an accurate record of meeting

**2. Vacancy on steering group**

John Hall was welcomed to the Steering Group.

**3. Information items arising**

All issues for discussion are on the agenda

**4. Key actions required to improve our background papers**

- The Sports & Recreation Group cannot do anything further until the TWBC Call for Sites is discussed and the new local plan support documents are available. The Steering Group needs to know when these will be released.
- Sarah Hamilton knows what the Heritage Working Group needs to do
- To improve the Green Space background paper the TWBC document is required.

- The Town Centre Group has a number of issues to address. Richard Barsley is aware of the feedback from TWBC & Fera and knows what issues need to be included in background papers.

## **5. Contact with TWBC**

Meryl Flashman had a call with Steve Baughen at TWBC this evening to ask why other NP groups had been offered 1 day workshops to discuss the call for sites & Paddock Wood had not. Steve Baughen said that they were making their way round to all steering groups gradually. Meryl reminded him of the number of houses planned for Paddock Wood and the need to meet with PWTC soon.

The sites put forward during the Call for Sites will be discussed at the 1 day workshop with the Borough. This is likely to include the sites north of the railway bridge despite flood risks. Steve Baughen has suggested a date at end of August. Meryl proposed making this a joint meeting with the Steering Group and the Town Council.

Carol Williams informed the meeting that the PWTC Planning & Environment Committee will look at the pros and cons of the sites and report to the Town Council. There is an opportunity to identify what should be protected in Paddock Wood such as the green wedges proposal.

There was a discussion about the number of houses likely to be built in the area. Rodney Atkins stated that all the information regarding future developments is in the public domain, but it is all in different places. It is important to develop the NP for the future after the current 1000 homes that are about to be built.

## **6. Access & movement policy**

See document – amendments made to the draft

Mark Noterman raised the issue of restrictions on railway bridge and asked if the bridge needs replacing. However, it was rebuilt in 1992. Mark also asked about width restrictions. There need to be statements in the NP about vehicular use and paths between PW & adjacent villages.

## **7. TWBC Local Green Space Allocation**

See document – the sites in the document were discussed and comments forwarded to Town Council Planning & Environment Committee.

## **8. Community Centre Conditions**

Mark Noterman asked whether the community centre could be expanded to meet future demand? Dates for public consultation sessions are listed on the agenda.

## **9. Any other information**

Sarah Mewett's report on Facebook showed a slight increase in membership & likes.

Marden Neighbourhood Plan has been circulated to the group for comments – there are some interesting issues included. Additional photographs could be added to PWNP and it was suggested that students from Mascalls School could be approached.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 20.00, Wesley Centre

**11. Dates and times of future Steering Group meetings:** 15<sup>th</sup> August, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm