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**MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING  
GROUP MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018, 8.30PM,  
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)  
Anne Newman (Steering Group member & resident)  
Rebecca Roberts (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)  
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member, member of PWBA and lead for Town Centre Group)  
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group member & resident)  
Mike Ridger (Steering Group member, chairman of PW Athletic Club, Sports and Recreation Group)  
Sarah Hamilton (Steering Group member, Town/Borough/County Councillor & Lead for Heritage Group)  
Andrew Mackie (Steering Group member, Community Centre representative)  
John Flashman (Steering Group member, Heritage Group & Town Councillor)  
David Henshaw (Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)

**APOLOGIES:**

Jim Large (Steering Group member, Heritage Group, WRAG) has resigned from the group. He was thanked for all his hard work to date.

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

- Anne Newman asked for clarification regarding the meaning of mixed developments under point 3 of the previous minutes. MF reported that developers are only interested in residential developments as commercial or mixed developments are more risky/less profitable.
- The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were approved

**2. Information items arising**

- Contact with TWBC: MF has chased the Borough, who stated that they were busy but agreed to submit a report by the NP meeting (18<sup>th</sup> April). This was received at 5.30pm on the day of the meeting. MF to read and decide on action required.
- Andy Mackie agreed to circulate information regarding the community centre

**3. To discuss the Access and Movement policy (p68-79 of the draft plan)**

- Amendments were made to the policy document to ensure all elements from the different groups have been included (see attached).

- It was suggested that a pedestrian and horse should be added to the mini pictures on the front page of this policy
- Accessible should be included in the first policy objective
- AM1: there is an issue regarding what we call footpaths; JF suggested ‘footway’ for footpaths and ‘carriageway’ for roads as these are the government terms used. Note made to look at conditions on Church Farm and re the access to Putlands, but no decision re wording here.
- AM2: Suggested wording about bridleways in paragraph three needs to be discussed further
- AM4: Consideration needs to be given to expanding the policy justification

#### **4. What is “A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Market Town”?**

- This item was deferred to the next meeting

#### **5. Feedback from working groups about the draft Neighbourhood Plan**

- CW provided a brief update on the Sports & Recreation group – the background paper has been updated and the policy document populated. One of the group has offered to draw a plan of the proposed sports hub site to go in the policy.

All groups have now reviewed and updated their background papers. Comments from the Borough now need to be looked at.

#### **6. Any Other Information**

- Community Centre Consultation will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6-8pm in the Day Centre, Paddock Wood. Over the weekend of the 21st/22nd April, the outline of the proposed site will be marked out on the Memorial Field – Steering group members were asked to look and send comments to the Town Council.
- CW provided a brief overview of an approach regarding development of the sports hub proposed in the NP

#### **7. DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING:**

The next scheduled meeting is on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 8pm**

- #### **8. Dates and times of future Steering Group meetings: 20<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm**