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**MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th May at 8.30PM AT THE WESLEY CENTRE,
PADDOCK WOOD.**

PRESENT: Sarah Hamilton (SH), Meryl Flashman (MF), David Henshaw (DH), John Flashman (JF), Jim Large (JL), Andy Mackie (AM), Rebecca Roberts (RR), Paul Smith (representing Business Association) (PS), Jeremy Thompson (JT), Carol Williams (CW).

IN ATTENDANCE: Rodney Atkins (PWTC), Peter Harvey, Joan Harvey, Fred Lamont, Sue Lovell, Mark Noterman, Nigel Sales, Claire Stewart (TWBC/Deputy Clerk PWTC), Elizabeth Thomas (TWBC/PWTC)

APOLOGIES: Richard Barsley, Ann Newman, Mike Ridger

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 were approved

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was agreed that JL would organise a carnival stand on July 8th to represent both the Neighbourhood Plan and the Town Council.

RR, SH, ET and DH would also be available to help man the stand.

3. JOHN BRUNT

The pub is now closed. It is owned by Punch Taverns but there is only three years left on the lease which is too short for investment purposes. There is evidence both from Facebook and elsewhere that the public seem to want it retained as a pub with restaurant suitable for families.

Following discussion the Steering Group agreed unanimously that the NP group should register the pub as an asset of community value.

CW drew the steering group's attention to the My Community website where advice and information on this can be found.

4. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

SH reported that Feria needs the draft policy documents as soon as possible. It was suggested that templates used by other NPs could help.

The Green Infrastructure group has come up with five visions. Mark Noterman agreed to circulate the documentation prepared so far. The need for the involvement of more members of the public was stressed.

The Sports and Recreation Group has met regularly and is currently devising four policies.

The Heritage Group has now been established and is considering policies that they could develop to support the NP

The Town Centre group has not met since the last Steering Group meeting.

5. COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

The results of the questionnaire have not yet been presented to the Community Board so therefore they are not yet available to the NP group.

An architect's brief has been developed to incorporate the ability to expand at a later date. KCC has put out a request for architects to express an interest in the project and 12 firms have currently expressed an interest.

Once an architect has been selected and a preliminary design completed a public exhibition will be held.

Following a request from this steering group PWTC has requested that two members of the public be recruited to join the Community Centre Working Group.

TWBC is in discussion with PWTC about the possibility of a £400 000 contribution towards the proposed Community Centre.

6. NEXT STEPS

- Issues and Options document: It was agreed that the Steering Group should respond to this document and that subject to a reasonable cost Feria should be to be instructed to do this on our behalf. Action: SH
- Richard Eastman and Kelvin Hinton from TWBC are liaising about the Sustainability Appraisal/ Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- Timeline: Richard Eastman is still aiming for the completion of the first draft of the NP this summer.

7. A.O.B.

- TWBC Landscape Character Assessment consultation runs 2nd May to 12 June 2017
http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/140381/Draft-Landscape-Character-Assessment-SPD-2.pdf
- Facebook report by SM was presented and discussed. People were reminded that SM needs topical material to post on Facebook so that the readership continues to grow.
- Neighbourhood Plan LOGO – a letter of complaint about the design has been received.

8. DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING: Wednesday 21st June 2017, 8.30pm

9. Dates and times of future Steering Group meetings: 19th July, 16th August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November, 20th December at 8.30pm

Meryl Flashman 23rd May 2017