

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting on 22 July 2014

- Andy Mackie's Notes, 26/7/2014

Housing developments:

Planning application for Church Rd and Mascalls sites likely in August 2014!

Badsell Road site likely to go ahead, another 300 houses on top of 650 for current 2 sites.

Data from developer exhibition questionnaire available next week. **SH Trying to get originals.**

How to use open space? Community orchards, allotments, mini football pitches. **Are these what residents (including future ones) want??**

Developers aware of transport/drainage infrastructure issues. (Need a sub cttee?)

Other sites:

Mascalls Manor (listed bldg) owned by bank, expected to sell around £600k? Needs £500k restoration. May go to auction in 5 weeks. Want to keep as heritage building.

Wesley Centre – Feasibility survey as council chamber. TWBC wants to build a house at rear. (This would prevent extension or parking if this was needed. – Ask them to hold this until we have progressed N Plan.)

Dowding House likely to be demolished. TWBC likely to sell Day Centre at same time. Much used facility. Replacement?

Police Station may be sold/demolished? Council to investigate renting them for community use (meeting rooms, display N Plan, etc.) Iconic building?

Other valuable buildings/facilities – Network Rail Training Centre, Workingmen's club (has problems – may be demolished?), Masonic Hall (well restored), Allotments at Greenways.

Neighbourhood Plan:

Needs sub groups for Transport/communications/drainage, Community Centre, Green areas/cycling/walking plan, etc. What is missing/needed for PW?

Chris Wyse, experienced cllr, Crossrail Engineer!! Plan to swap football pitches at Elm Tree pub with rugby ones at Putlands for Sept 2015- with Estates. (Review sports facilities? – Eg changing rooms at Green Lane).

When have a N Plan, get 25% of the 106/CIL development money rather than 15%.

Community Centre:

Spoke to 50 + people at carnival. Many groups need larger hall, eg Lionesses, Play PW, Magpies, Scouts, for meeting and events such as fundraising. Currently have to go out of PW, eg to Matfield/E.Pechham. Individuals ditto for children's party, retirement and wedding reception.

(Peter Nichols, ex Succeed) offered to arrange visits to see local halls and email him for funding contacts).

Putlands possible site for C Centre, build at rear and Fusion to manage.

Mark Airey did Facebook poll of PW residents. In 1 day, 75% wanted swimming pool.

Cllr Jukes, leader of TWBC said he would support our N Plan.

Town centre:

David Canlin(?) of TWBC offered to contact Tesco with questions we may have. What are their current plans for their site?

Lambert and Foster produced **a plan for PW town centre**, trying to address issues such as parking, pedestrian/vehicle safe access., no left turn from Maidstone Road. Need for transport hub – train, taxi, bus, dropoff/pickup etc. Possible area for hotel. **Plan seen as very positive by all present.**

PW needs Pub/restaurant/wine bar for family and business and can influence this. Hopbine pub to be rebuilt North of railway? Hotel needed for industrial estate.

No vacant shops, Costa and Waitrose seen as very successful. **Queue of possible tenants (ref Paul Smith?)**. Would PW prefer another supermarket to Tesco? Need more shops, eg Wet fish shop?

TWBC has analysis of shops needed - obtain?

Bottleneck for traffic. 1 way system? Waitrose need 2 way for lorries?

Engage with residents – what are their issues?

L&B rep to talk at next NP meeting? Need to contact Jane?Lynch, planner.

Town meeting for September to engage with residents, identify/confirm issues and obtain support to remedy them. Identify the skills needed for volunteers for NP, sub cttees and other PW issues.