

Planning the Neighbourhood: Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan
20TH August 2014

PRESENT: Mark Airey (NOPWOD), Tim Duncan (Lambert & Foster), Keith Farmer (PCSO) Meryl Flashman, (PWTC), John Flashman (PWTC), Chris Gregory, Kay Groves (PPW) Sarah Hamilton (PWTC) David Henshaw, (PWTC), Andy Mackie, Peter Nicholls, (PWTC), Ray Steward (PWTC), Steve Terry, Elizabeth Thomas (PWTC, TWBC)

Apologies: David Marriott, (Core Commercial), Chris Wise, Claire Holly (PWBA, PPW) John Ingrams, (Lambert and Foster) Paul Smith, (PWBA)

1. Update from previous meeting – SH advised that the following
 - Need to look at a feasibility study for the Wesley Centre
 - Section 106 money – no further forward on how to claim the money but Borough Cllr Bill Hills had given a breakdown of how money had previously been spent (see attached list)
 - Future of the police house is still under review
 - Tesco had been invited to attend a future meeting, still waiting to hear back from them
 - Public event – it had been suggested that it is deferred until 2015, when there is more time to prepare (agreed)
 - Rugby/football provision – ongoing
 - Jayne Lynch, Head of Planning from TWBC, will attend the September meeting

2. Data Storage – the group discussed the best way of storing data that was accessible to all. Suggestions were a Drop Box Facility of some description. There are a number available – Drop Box, Google Dox (free), Huddle & Share Point (Paid for) Steve Terry and Mark Airey agreed to investigate and report back to the Clerk (NR)
Action: ST & MA

3. Town Centre Concept
Tim Duncan introduced a concept plan for the town centre which had been drawn up by his colleague John Ingrams. The following points were discussed:
 - Was drawn up prior to the sale of the back land to Tesco
 - Possible one way system
 - A new access road from the Maidstone Road – Station Road
 - Plan includes scope for more commercial units
 - Could improve traffic flow
 - When the town centre improvements were carried out in 2000 the temporary one way system worked very well
 - Will Tesco want to develop the land or sell it on
 - Plans will create a new arcade with cafes, retail areas and part residential part office space
 - Opportunities to increase and improve existing infrastructure
 - Re-join Clavadal Road
 - Same number of parking spaces but could include a two level car park
 - Potential to develop rail way car park, hotel and bus terminal
 - Proposals do not allow for the pedestrians only in the town centre
 - Needs relief road
 - Roundabout shown at junction of Maidstone Road and Station Road

- Roads will have to remain the same width there for could not incorporate cycle lanes in the existing roads
 - Borough council is aware of plan
 - Certain elements could be developed on their own without a master plan
 - Developers should contribute to changes to highways s. 278 funding
 - Could consider a shuttle bus from new developments to the station
 - Flats would generate income for developers
 - Could be 3 storey
 - Need to be sensitive to existing landowners if going to propose demolishing buildings (TD willing to speak to local land owners to get views)
 - Multi-storey car parks can attract anti-social behaviour
 - Should consult with police to design out crime
 - Possible community centre
4. Recreation – Kay Groves (KG) advised that she was visiting the borough council to discuss future recreation provision for Paddock Wood. Play Paddock Wood was considering the following:
- Improved recreation facilities help detract from Anti social behaviour
 - The skate park needs expanding
 - Young people are interested in Parcour & teen age exercise equipment
 - Should all be in the same location
 - Need extra activities for young people
- KG will write a recreation strategy for the Neighbourhood Plan and needs ideas for short, medium and long term.
Will run a session in November to discuss recreation.
5. Questionnaires – details of the results of the questionnaires from the carnival had been circulated. The community centre was the main topic.
6. Police House – this is not used that much and could be used as a temporary community centre. Should perhaps be subject of a community right to bid application? It was agreed that the council should write to Ann Barnes asking for a meeting to explore the options for the future of the police house. (NR)

Future meeting dates:

Tuesday 23 rd September 2014	Jayne Lynch (TWBC)
Wednesday 22 nd October 2014	KALC (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 25 th November 2014	Kay Groves (Play Paddock Wood
Wed 21 st Jan 2015	
Tues 17 th Feb 2015	
Wed 18 th March 2015	
Tues 21 st April 2015	
Wed 20 th May 2015	
Tues 16 th June 2015	