

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Heritage Group

Friday 7th April 2017

Present: John and Meryl Flashman, Sarah Hamilton, Fred Lamont, Jean Saggars

Apologies: Dorothy Cox

Updates:

It was agreed that the following buildings should be added to the list of properties and sites of historical interest compiled at the last meeting:

Elm Tree pub
Foresters Arms 1869
Mascalls Pound
Old Hay
Oak Tree in Ringden Avenue which has a T.P.O.
Paddock Wood House
Toll House
Unity Cottage

Heritage Paddock Wood

- A properly set up heritage group needs to be established with a constitution and a bank account.
- A properly constituted Heritage group would enable all assets to be held centrally. Currently they are all in the homes of individuals, in the Council Offices or with WRAG. The group could also be associated with TW Museum for greater security.
- U3A will take part in the Paddock Wood Heritage Open Days in September. The local history group and the photographic group are combining to create an exhibition of Paddock Wood then and now. The Wesley Centre has been booked for this event.
- It was suggested that the group contact Vince Green with a view to visiting The Marden Heritage Centre.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy

The policy needs to be written in conjunction with the booklet produced by Fera in February 2017 and the document designed to test the soundness of Neighbourhood Plan policies. As part of this the Heritage group needs to produce a heritage policy which is designed to prevent damage to the heritage of Paddock Wood. Meryl will look at other heritage policies produced for neighbourhood plans to see if there is one on which ours could be based. Eg Thame, Wye, Faversham, Hawkhurst.

- History of the John Brunt

John, Sarah and Jean will share the information that they already have.

- Railway Station since 1911

Jean wrote a thesis on Paddock Wood railway station up until 1911. It was agreed that she should update this.

Wesley Centre

Fred Lamont will collate information on the Wesley Centre. The story of this building needs to be written as it is the oldest public building in Paddock Wood.

- Green space/heritage

The group needs an updated list of trees in Paddock Wood with TPOs
There are Scots Pines at the entrance to Paddock Wood in the Memorial Field
Hedgerows
Old Churchyard
Putlands pond (toads)

Any Other Business

- John shared his collection of Paddock Wood postcards with the group.

Date of next meeting: Friday 21st April 12.30pm