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MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN HERITAGE GROUP MEETING HELD at noon on 27th July 2017 at the John Brunt VC,

Present: Sarah Hamilton, John and Meryl Flashman, Jim Large

Apologies: Jacie-Ann Cole, David Henshaw, Jean Sagers

1. Matters arising from previous minutes

Mark Stephenson the Heritage Officer has suggested that the group look at the Countryside Agency village design statements. There is no statutory ruling that could be used to protect a group of buildings in a town or village. An area based designation of local heritage assets is possible. Advice about this can be found on the TWBC website.

2. The Wesley Centre.

Jim Large has spoken to Mark Stephenson the Heritage Officer at TWBC who advised him that English Heritage website has guides on listing buildings. On further investigation Jim discovered 40 different documents on the English Heritage website, 20 of which concern buildings. Jim to continue investigating.

The Wesley Centre is part of discussions between PWTC and TWBC. TWBC is keen to build houses to the rear of the site, using the money raised to contribute to the Community Centre funding. Sarah is strongly opposed to this, believing that the land should be retained as an open space. The Town Council is to be asked to try and find out if there were any conditions imposed regarding community usage when TWBC bought the building.

A series of Facebook posts to be made on NP site asking the public for their views on what should happen to the land at the rear of the Wesley Centre.

WRAG to follow this up with a request for people to volunteer to join a project group to develop ideas for how the Community could use the Wesley Centre.

SH to speak to TWBC.

3. The John Brunt VC

A planning application for a 4 bedroom house has now been submitted to TWBC adjacent to the pub (on land owned by Punch Taverns) The TWBC portal does not make it clear exactly where the building will be located.

Both WRAG and NP to promote reopening on Facebook

The group met with the landlord, Ray, who discussed some of his plans for the pub which is still owned by Punch Taverns. He agreed to be part of the Paddock Wood contribution to national heritage open days in September. The John Brunt memorabilia has been returned to the pub and will shortly be put back up again. SH to register Paddock Wood with the Heritage Open Days website by 1st August.

4. Discussion of policy ideas for Paddock Wood

The NP steering group will be looking at a proposed vision for the future of Paddock Wood at their next meeting. Following this the working group needs to relook at the draft policy document.

5. Liaison with other working groups

A meeting of the group leaders for Heritage and Sports and Recreation was held in July prior to the submission of the Sports and Recreation draft policies to FERIA-Urbansim.

6. Any Other Business

John and Meryl shared the posters that had been produced by PWTC on the Paddock Wood war dead of 1917. These are to be displayed for H.O.D. in the Wesley Centre.

Sarah shared information about her visit to Hermitage Quarry, one of the last sources of Kentish ragstone. She has sent details to Berkeley Homes about how ragstone can be incorporated into modern buildings.

7. Date of next meeting:

Friday 18th August 12.30pm John Brunt VC