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**MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15th November 2017 at 7.30PM AT THE WESLEY CENTRE,
PADDOCK WOOD.**

APOLOGIES: Rebecca Roberts (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group) Rodney Atkins (PWTC and resident)

PRESENT

Meryl Flashman (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)
Carol Williams (Steering Group Secretary, Town councillor and lead for Sports & Recreation Group)
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member, member of PWBA and lead for Town Centre Group)
John Flashman (Steering Group member, Heritage Group & Town Councillor)
Sarah Hamilton (Steering Group member, Town/Borough/County Councillor & Lead for Heritage Group)
John Hall (Sports and Recreation Group)
David Henshaw (Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)
Jim Large (Steering Group member, Heritage Group, WRAG)
Andrew Mackie (Steering Group member, Community Centre representative)
Anne Newman (Steering Group member & resident)
Mark Noterman (representing Green Infrastructure Group)
Mike Ridger (Steering Group member, chairman of PW Athletic Club, Sports and Recreation Group)
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group member & resident)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2017 were approved subject to the following:

Andy Mackie requested an amendment to state that: 'Mike Ridger & Kay Groves are also representing the public'

Date of next meeting should read '15 November 2017'

2. Information items arising

1) Rebecca Roberts was not present so the discussion on 'easements' was deferred

2) The issue of improved parking was raised. Sarah Hamilton requested that individuals lobby her about the issue of improving station parking with a multi-storey car park. MF will write to SH on behalf of the PWNP Steering Group.

3) A resident raised the issue regarding the petition that was submitted to TWBC requesting a pelican crossing on Maidstone Road opposite the Health Centre (as it was not reasonable to expect elderly people to use the existing crossing). Sarah Hamilton to respond.

3. Draft Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group expressed their disappointment with the document received yesterday. The Chairman was asked to contact FERIA with their comments urgently.

A need for a clear vision and objectives for the whole Neighbourhood Plan has been identified by Richard Eastham (FERIA). John & Meryl Flashman produced a document which was used as a basis for discussion. Carol Williams agreed to circulate the revised document to Steering Group members for final comments as soon as possible.

4. Second Call for Sites

The Steering Group leaders have not had the opportunity to meet to discuss this document.

Sites 313, 315 and 340 have all been included in the sports and recreation draft policies.

Mark Noterman expressed concern that if additional sites to the east of Paddock Wood are built on, the road network in certain parts of Paddock Wood would not be able to cope.

5. Update on Community Centre

Despite the weather a successful Community engagement event was held on Saturday 4th November between 10am and 1pm. It is proposed to put copies of the plans on the Paddock Wood Town Council website and Facebook as soon as electronic versions have been received from the architect.

Results from the consultation are being collated

6. Communication with the public/Facebook

Sarah Mewett provided a written report. She is posting 2-3 times a week on Facebook and the page hits are growing steadily. Sarah has requested that we let her know as soon as a leaflet is required.

7. Any Other Information

Horsmonden Parish Council applied to the Borough Council on 9 October 2017 for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area. The proposal covers the whole of the parished area of Horsmonden and is the first step for the Parish Council in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Mark Noterman raised concerns about the provision of secondary schools in the future as an increase in the population of Paddock Wood will prevent children outside of Paddock Wood from accessing Mascalls.

Jeremy Thompson was impressed by the quality of the draft plan despite the lack of detail. He is concerned about how we engage the people of Paddock Wood with the draft. Hopefully the draft document will improve engagement.

Carol Williams provided feedback from the consultations with the Kent Football Association & the Rugby Football Union. Detailed information will be given to the Sports & Recreation Working Group.

8. DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING:

It is not proposed to hold a Steering Group meeting on Wednesday 20th December as it is too close to Christmas. Unless an additional meeting is required the next scheduled meeting is on **Wednesday 17th January 2018 7.30pm.**

9.

Dates and times of future Steering Group meetings: 21st February, 21st March, 18th April, 16th May, 20th June, 18th July.