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**MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 at 8.00PM  
THE WESLEY CENTRE, PADDOCK WOOD.**

**Present**

Meryl Flashman (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)  
Carol Williams (Steering Group Secretary, Town councillor and lead for Sports & Recreation Group)  
John Flashman (Steering Group member, Heritage Group & Town Councillor)  
Anne Newman (Steering Group member & resident)  
Sarah Hamilton (Steering Group member, Town/Borough/County Councillor & Lead for Heritage Group)  
Andy Mackie (Steering Group Member, Community Centre Working Party)  
John Hall (Steering Group & Sports & Recreation Group)  
Rebecca Roberts (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)  
Mike Ridger (Steering Group member, Chairman of PW Athletic Club, Sports and Recreation Group)  
Paul Smith (Member of PWBA & Town Centre Group)  
Fred Lemont (Member U3A & resident)

**Apologies:**

Richard Barsley (Steering Group member, member of PWBA and lead for Town Centre Group)  
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group member & resident)  
Mark Noterman (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)  
David Henshaw (Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as accurate.

**2. Information items arising**

All matters arising were listed on the agenda.

**3. Churchill Retirement Living**

Information/questionnaire from Churchill Homes was posted out to Councillors with an outline plan for retirement homes in the centre of town.

RB has submitted a response to Churchill which was included in the premiering information.

SH suggested approaching Craddocks to see what is happening & tell them what we want.

AM suggested asking Churchill and another developer to work on a master plan together in advance of the NP being published.

It was also suggested that in the future retirement homes could be built further away from the town centre possibly on the Dowding House site.

SH reported that there may be a developer looking at the other area of land.

The Steering Group agreed to respond to the pre application consultation, welcoming discussion with Churchill but expressing disappointment that they have not contacted the Steering Group to look at the draft NP which does not fit in with their proposal. CW will respond to Churchill before the deadline.

#### **4. Community Centre update: AM/MF**

Town Council meeting held Monday in school re petition (as part of main meeting) – residents given opportunity to speak (5 for & 5 against). Two spoke against and two speakers abstained when called. Speakers for the community centre on the Memorial Field site included a young person from PWYC.

Councillors discussed the issues arising and 2 resolutions were put forward against building on the Memorial Field. Both lost with 3 votes for and 9 against the resolutions.

Councillor Atkins called for a parish poll, 23 members of the audience supported this. A resolution was put forward that there should be a Parish poll asking residents if they wanted a community centre on the Memorial Field. The Clerk has subsequently notified us that the poll cannot go ahead as the application was not made at a Parish Meeting which is not the same thing as a Town Council meeting. Town Clerk will inform residents on website/facebook.

#### **5. Updates from NP Working Groups**

Sports & Recreation need to agree meeting dates and ensure diagram of hub included in policy

Heritage needs to reconvene the group

Green infrastructure – need to discuss issues further

Town Centre – the group is holding a series of meetings to answer the questions posed by Feria after the Borough feedback

MF stressed the importance of completing this work by the end of November so that the information can all be presented to Feria before the end of the year.

#### **6. New policies required**

At the last meeting the Steering group had identified sections of the Marden draft NP for inclusion in the PWNP.

Following discussion it was agreed to have a policy on housing and infrastructure with a range of issues including:

- Surface water – CW will meet with Peter Trent to draft.
- Education - MF started to draft but realised that this is wider and needs to include nursery provision and the children's centre. JH reported that the new Montessori in PWPS is full with a waiting list. Do we also want to include issues re traffic congestion during school drop off and collection? It was agreed this had been mentioned in consultations. SH reported that County is short of secondary school places & Steve Baughan (TWBC) has stated a new one will be needed but it is unclear where. SH to follow up with KCC as soon as possible. There was a brief discussion about whether we could attract LEP Money. JH agreed to ask his contacts from education to join S&R group to draft education policy.

- Health & Social care – CW/SH to draft
- Local housing needs – housing & infrastructure e.g. houses for retirement. It was suggested asking Elizabeth Thomas & Alan Gooda (TWBC) who are on planning with AM & a friend of RR who is involved in planning

It was agreed that the following should go into the Town Centre policy

- Business signage
- Business & employment – David Marriott to be asked to contribute to this. Need to look at TWBC Economic Strategy document.
- Issues relating to the type of retail

It was suggested that this groups would change focus to business, retail & employment as retail is in town centre. AN would be willing to join this group.

### **7. AOB:**

Finances: £50/month on Facebook only spend

Feria currently cannot present maps in the format that the Borough wants for the NP. The Steering Group may need to spend money in order to get maps into correct format.

Facebook report attached – new requests to join. Sarah has asked if we want draft plan on Facebook page as this is not on PWTC or Feria websites. It was agreed that the current draft is out of date and we will put the final draft into the public domain when it is finished.

### **8. Meeting with TWBC**

We have not received the minutes of this meeting, despite requests to SB. SH to look into this.

MF reported that SB told the Parish Chairs at a recent meeting that each NP area will have a named contact at Borough.

SH mentioned Heritage Paddock Wood products showing coats of arms.

### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 8 pm

**10. Dates and times of future Steering Group meetings:** 19<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm