

## FRADLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH MEETING ROOM, FRADLEY

**PRESENT:** Committee Members: Bob Carruthers, Sandy Carruthers, Mark Edwards, Linda Wild, Jane Piper, Greg Jones, Jo Spence, Simon Roberts

**1. APOLOGIES:** Mark Lewis, Elaine Lloyd, Julia Usher, Beverley & Terry Hobbs

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (20<sup>th</sup> August 2014)**

Minutes were accepted as a true record and will be sent to Viv Evans, PC Clerk, to be published on the PC website.

**Action: Jane Piper**

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

- Welcome to Greg Jones who has joined the committee.
- We have had no feedback on discussions with Mrs Robb regarding improved responses to queries
- CCTV appears to be a viable option for policing traffic coming through the village and the direction of travel.
- The DC has accepted that the village does not support a large pub/restaurant and supports an alternative use for the site.  
The group agrees that this is the best place to relocate the MUGA.

**4. FUNDING AND REMIT OF THE STEERING GROUP – Simon Roberts**

The group can not spend money without the authority of the PC unless the Neighbourhood Plan Group becomes a formal committee with the attendance of the Clerk to take minutes and PC standing orders in force. If it remains an advisory committee prior approval from the PC must be given for expenses. There is an allocated pot of £3000.

The Chairman expressed his surprise as the Group has been formed since January this year, well to the knowledge of the PC, and these matters have not been raised before.

**Actions:**

- Seek approval for reimbursement of the traffic report prepared by Mr Grundy by submitting minutes where the need for the report was agreed and the actual report to the clerk for approval - Sandy Carruthers
- To prepare some forecast Room Hire and printing costs for approval by the PC - Sandy Carruthers
- Obtain advice from other committees re the form that their NP groups take - Bob Carruthers

Members of the PC have said that they are not aware of the group's activities and are concerned that the group has neither prepared Standing Orders and Terms of Reference nor are informing Fradley residents of their activities.

The Chairman again expressed his surprise at these remarks and noted the following:

- Minutes of all meetings are forwarded to the Parish Clerk and are posted on the PC website (it has been assumed that Councillors read these Minutes)
- The Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 refer to Standing Orders and Terms of Reference.

- The developer held two meetings in the village on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June. The Group were in attendance with their table, which was well advertised, and around 100 residents came to speak to the Group. We had 57 questionnaires, all of which have been analysed and are the background for our concerns moving forward e.g. traffic in Church Lane/Fradley Lane junction, sewerage and the lack of support for a public house/restaurant on the Hay End Lane site.

#### **Actions:**

- Attend monthly PC meetings to ensure that the minutes are read and given an update on agenda items – Simon Roberts, is already a PC member, (although has missed some recent meetings), and so Mark Edwards volunteered to attend as well, in order to ensure we always have a representative present. The Chairman has stated that he did not intend to attend the PC meetings unless there was something specific to discuss outside of the minuted matters.
- To raise with the PC as an agenda item the form that the NP committee should take – **Mark Edwards & Simon Roberts.**
- To change the timing of the NP meetings to the Wednesday prior to the PC meetings so that Draft minutes can be available for discussion at the next PC meeting – **Jane Piper**

#### **5. TRAFFIC**

Mark Edwards wrote to the Highways Agency and contacted them by phone and discussed which reports had been reviewed with respect to the decision on Hay End Lane. There had been no additional reports prepared for the A38 exit at Fradley Village and the new houses at Hay End Lane. The existing reports are all in respect of Hilliards cross. We recommend that the PC in conjunction with LDC arrange a meeting with the Highways Agency

**Action:** Mark Edwards will raise this at the next PC meeting.

#### **6. SEWERAGE**

A letter from Becky Clarke from the Environment Agency has confirmed errors made by Severn Trent Water in the designation of the flooding that has occurred in the village and has increased the risk to a 3 from a category 4, and have confirmed that they will not allow occupation of the site before the infrastructure to the sewerage network is provided.

#### **7. LAND SWAP**

The PC has in principle supported the Land swap so long as a suitable position can be found for the MUGA. The group agrees that the best place would be the proposed pub / restaurant site, as it is immediately adjacent to the current MUGA. As the school make use of the MUGA facilities this is their preference also. If a site can be agreed then the school would transfer some land to the church. The school has now submitted some plans to the PC. The Group agrees that we should be discussing with the residents options around a replacement MUGA and/or additional facilities. Proposed public consultation needs to take place at the school or at the community youth hall.

Bob recommended that Jo contact LDC for advice on drafting questionnaires.

**Action:** Jo Spence to draft a questionnaire

#### **8. FURTHER PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS**

Further concerns raised in the village with respect to the land levelling at Fradley South. However there is still only outline planning permission in place.

Hay End Lane – still only outline planning permission in place. LDC have promised to inform the group when this situation changes.

#### **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Hay End Lane Development is likely to increase the traffic down Old Hall Lane to and from Alrewas. A suggestion was made that to maintain the safety of Old Hall Lane for the many pedestrian and recreational users, that it should become a no through road. It was acknowledged that a fixed barrier at the junction with The Moor would not be viable due to Refuse Lorries. However alternatives may be available such as a NO THROUGH ROAD, ACCESS TO FRONTAGES sign in the first instance.

**Action:** To be raised with the PC – Mark Edwards/ Simon Roberts

#### **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7pm subject to availability of Fradley Village Hall or Church Meeting Rooms.

**Action:** Sandy Carruthers to book (as Julia is currently on holiday)