

FRADLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at St Stephen's Church Fradley

Present: Cllr Simon Roberts, Derick Cross, David Derrick, Greg Jones, Richard Green,
Cllr Lynn Beaumont, Jo Spence, Sandy Carruthers, Linda Wild

1 APOLOGIES

Chris Harrington

2 WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Derick Cross was welcomed as a new member to the Group and it is hoped that he will be an asset in helping to bring the Neighbourhood Plan to fruition in due course.

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (3rd February 2016)

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and will be posted on the Parish Council and NP websites, although one correction will be made:

Defibrillators - The defibrillator to be placed at the pharmacy at the Stirling Centre has not been funded by them. They will only be agreeing to have it placed on their wall and they will pay for the upkeep (i.e. electricity). This defibrillator has been funded by Evans Property Group.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Timesheets – Once again a reminder to the group to send in their current timesheets to David. He has only received two in the last month.

Defibrillator – Jo is waiting for confirmation that one (funded by Alrewas Charities) can be placed at the village hall.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer was not present. However, he has posted all financial information on Dropbox including forecasts and invoices.

Dropbox details would be sent to those requesting the link again (Linda and Derick).

Action: Simon

Cheques have been sent to Dennis for the website and Fiona for the 100 questionnaires. A further cheque has been requested by Fiona for the subsequent questionnaires that she completed. An invoice will be given to Chris for payment of refreshments provided at the Navigus meeting. Jo to receive this as she paid for this on the day.

6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Updates on Navigus Meeting and 'Locality'

This took place on Thursday 18th February and was attended by Chris Bowden (Navigus), Simon, Greg, Jo, Sandy. Simon had already supplied Chris with as much pertinent information that we had, in advance, regarding the Plan through Dropbox so that he could read up on the current situation. Chris explained the neighbourhood plan process and gave options of different routes that the Group could take, explaining that we could make the Plan

as complicated or as simple as we liked. This was discussed and suggestions were made that more than one policy should be produced reflecting housing and transport and land identification. Other areas could be covered as non-policy items.

Simon had a long telephone conversation with Michaela Benson from Aecom Ltd who is conducting the technical support on behalf of Locality. She will be contacting Simon once she has analysed what support we need, gathered from the conversation. This will affect the amount of grant we receive. Once we receive confirmation from Aecom this will be circulated to the Steering Group.

Action: Simon

We are eligible for a monetary grant (max. £9,000) and/or technical support.

Grant – We can now re-apply for the grant which will be available from mid-April. Chris to liaise with Simon initially.

Action: Chris/Simon

We have now received an official quote from Navigus for expected work. Some issues were raised and these would be followed up with Chris Bowden. This would likely result in an amended quote. Sandy would also check to see what items we can claim for.

Action: Simon/Sandy

It was agreed that we would officially engage Navigus to partner us in completing the Plan.

BID (Business Initiative Directions) Meeting Update

This took place at Zytek on 17th February and was attended by Greg and Simon. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage businesses on Fradley Park to contribute (through increased business rates) sums towards the enhancement of the area. However, there was no appetite for such an initiative and this was shelved with the possibility of it being resurrected in the future.

Fradley West Consortium Update

The meeting took place on 2nd March and was attended by Greg, Jo, Derick and Simon, together with Tim Plagerson, and Tim Watton of RPS Group and Jonathan Collins, Hallam Land Management.

Fradley West Consortium comprises Hallam Land Management Ltd and Gleeson Strategic Land. This group is represented by RPS Planning and Development Limited. The purpose of this meeting was to engage with members of the Steering Group and explore the opportunities presented by Fradley West Consortium who are the promoters of brownfield land to the west of Gorse Lane adjacent to Fradley Park, and within the former Fradley Airfield site. They have plans to build 750 houses in this area and Henry Boot will be the contractors. They were keen to seek the views of the community following the analysis of the questionnaire. It was perceived that this was a welcome opportunity for us to work together on this matter. Simon would forward the results of the questionnaire once we have them.

Action Simon

7 BELLWAY HOMES

Bellway Homes have now announced their plans for the first phase of 216 homes on land at the Stirling Centre. They will be exhibiting at the Youth and Community Hall on 8th March and it was agreed that members of the Steering Group would conduct an 'exit poll' to ascertain villagers' views on the plans.

Action: Jo, Sandy, Greg, Simon

Disappointment was voiced at the lack of engagement by LDC and Bellway Homes with the Neighbourhood Plan Group. Although they are not obliged to engage with us because the Neighbourhood Plan is not yet in place, it was considered bad practice on their behalf and the group felt that for good community relations the best way forward was for LDC to give us

prior notice of their plans and keep us informed of developments.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Policies: Simon produced Lichfield District Council's Planning Policy document in which it states that £10m has been allocated through funds from Central Government, LEP Local Growth Fund and Developer Contributions for key road improvements to Hilliards Cross and Fradley South. This will be led by the Highways Agency. A timescale is unclear. It has also been recognised that provision should be allocated for local health care in Fradley. Furthermore, it is recognised that provision will be made for recreation and open spaces and maintenance.

Transport Group: In light of the above and the productive meeting with Fradley West Consortium Chris would be contacted regarding the Traffic Group and its resurrection.

Action: Simon/Chris

Questionnaires: David is in receipt of Fiona's summary data (141 pages long). He will report back to the group once he has considered the best way forward in terms of providing a plan for producing an easily recognisable analysis.

Action: David

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th April 2016