

FRADLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2016 at St Stephen's Church, Fradley

PRESENT: Linda Wild, Cllr Simon Roberts, David Derrick, Richard Green, Sandy Carruthers

APOLOGIES: Jo Spence, Greg Jones, Derick Cross, Rachel Boxall

1 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 8th June were accepted as a true record and will be posted on the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan websites.

2 MATTERS ARISING

Environment - The report prepared by Cllr Lynn Beaumont regarding the canal-side development proposed by Bellway Homes has been handed to the Parish Council in preparation for the Parish Council to take forward to Bellway Homes.

History of Fradley – a map of the location of pill boxes has been emailed to Richard Green.

3 TREASURER'S REPORT

No statement has been received from Nat West Bank; this will be queried with the bank. Internet banking on a view only basis will be initiated so that designated personnel within the group can access information. The secretary would also inform the bank of the change of Treasurer's name.

Action: Sandy

4 RESIGNATIONS

Cllr Lynn Beaumont has resigned with immediate effect due to personal reasons. She was thanked for all the hard work she has done for the Group during her time with us and the Group would hope to see her back in the future should she so wish.

Keith Baines has resigned, having only been with the group for a very short time, due to prolonged absence from home and his inability to attend regularly.

(a) Appointment of new Environment Task Group Co-ordinator

It was agreed to suspend finding another Environment task group co-ordinator (vacated by Cllr Lynn Beaumont) for the time being. Navigus Planning are in receipt of the up to date work carried out by her and it will be left to Navigus to decide what else remains to be done, with the possibility of any future environment studies being completed on a shared out basis within the group.

5 FEEDBACK ON SKYPE MEETING WITH CHRIS BOWDEN, NAVIGUS

Simon, Greg and Sandy attended a meeting with Chris Bowden regarding the Neighbourhood Plan way forward.

Chris Bowden has provided the Group with a list of items that, at this stage, the Neighbourhood Plan could cover.

This was discussed within the group with some suggestions being dismissed as these were perceived not to be suitable, and others being adopted. This will form the basis of the Fradley Neighbourhood Plan and following this Chris Bowden will provide a project plan for the Group to work to.

Work will continue, in the meantime, to research the local heritage assets.

It was decided that at the current time there would be no land allocated for future building within the Neighbourhood Plan, however this decision may be revised following a meeting with Lichfield District Council.

A new version of the Vision and Objectives document was made and brought up to date; the last one being made in April 2014. This will be circulated to the Group and Chris Bowden for his information.

Action: Sandy

6 TASK GROUP UPDATES

Transport/Traffic

This will be carried on by Derrick Cross. It is reported that HS2 Rail Link and Prologis will be contributing a considerable amount of money towards the upgrade of the Hilliards Cross Junction on the A38, which it is understood will change to an island junction. Work is planned to commence in January 2017.

Plans are also being prepared to upgrade the Fradley Lane and Fradley Arms junctions. There is no information at present.

Facilities

Lichfield District Council have continued to renew the planning application for the health centre which has been designated on the parcel of land opposite the Stirling Centre shops. No medical practice has shown an interest in opening a health centre and the land will continue to be the subject of renewed planning until such times as this facility can be built. The Steering Group would continue to raise this question with the Councils involved.

7 AECOM'S ROLE

The Group needed clarification regarding Aecom's role in aiding us to complete the Neighbourhood Plan. The following is an extract of Chris Bowden's discussion with Matthew Kay which explains, in simple terms, what Aecom's Technical Support Package is all about:

- *The 'facilitation' package relates to highways work and the fact that many residents have raised concerns over the phasing of the highway works for the strategic site coming forward too late on in the development. He did admit it was a slightly strange one but that was what had been agreed so that was what he was working on.*
- *AECOM are doing a review of the Transport Assessment work that has accompanied the proposals to see if there are any issues. These could then be explored with the developers, highway authority and LDC.*
- *In reality, I think there is little that can come out of the assessment that (i) can meaningfully be addressed given the fact that reserved matters applications are already in the process of being determined; and (ii) the Neighbourhood Plan cannot*

deal with strategic matters which I suspect it would be argued that these things are. Matthew agreed that this was likely to be the case.

- *He has to have the report completed by the end of July so we will have that to inform the ongoing work on the Neighbourhood Plan.*
- *The 'policy review' package has been put to one side because clearly you are not going to be in a position for anyone to review policies for some time. Matthew said that there had been confusion because someone else in the Group had applied for this, not you?*
- *We both felt it would be helpful if any future liaison between the Neighbourhood Plan Group and AECOM should come through me – of course this would be subject to your agreement. But I think it would help to ensure that all messages are clear.*

8 TIMELINE

It was agreed that there is a need to move swiftly now, however as Navigus will be providing us with a project plan we would work within these parameters and if necessary hold extra meetings where necessary.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Application - Brookfields

Comments on Reserved Matters for the above are expected to be received by Lichfield District Council by no later than 22nd July. As no direct communication has been received from the Council, then it was agreed to request a meeting with them and the Steering Group so that the Reserved Matters could be discussed.

Action: Simon

Schooling – Using LDC's formula it was agreed that once Brookfields (now 69 dwellings) has been completed any spare spaces at St Stephen's School would disappear and therefore it is critical that arrangements be put in place to accommodate this situation. This should be on the Parish Council agenda in the future and the Steering Group would keep a close eye on proceedings.

Action: Jo

Due to the lack of engagement between Lichfield District Council, Parish Council and the Steering Group regarding all planning applications, Simon has, once again, requested via the Chairman of Fradley Parish Council to arrange an extraordinary meeting with Lichfield District Council/Parish Council and members of the Steering Group to clear up issues pertaining to all the planning applications within the village and resultant facilities. No reply has yet been received, though it is recognised that these matters are now becoming urgent. This will be followed up.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd August 2016, 7.00 p.m.

Venue – Meeting Room, Village Hall