

**Steering Group Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 5.30 p.m. The Village Institute**

**Present:** J Pilcher ©, S Carmichael, L Young, T Killeen, J Robson, R Tait, J Poole, S Burley, A Lloyd, D Goodale, D Studholme, A Cook and F Nowne

**1. Apologies** G Tucker, P Sewell.

**2. Minutes** A Lloyd was at the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Signed as an accurate note of those proceedings.

**3. Consultation Progress:**

LY asked how the SG Street Champions were getting on. DS reported that he was struggling with work commitments Linda Doe is also helping in Springfields. The group were reminded that they have until 14<sup>th</sup> Feb but it would be better to have done this before the consultation event in the village hall.

POP UP EVENTS are organised for:

**27<sup>th</sup> Saturday** Village Square (RT SC JP AL AC TK LY) 10am -12 noon - and on the green on **3<sup>rd</sup> February** in Springfields (JP LY TK SC) ( 10 – 12 am)

Laminated posters were distributed. LY reported that the primary schools have been asked if we can have a table outside. SB to organise posters at Stonegate station and community board outside the village hall.

SB reported that the Street Champions were about to get going in Stonegate and asked for a reminder flyer. LY to re-send email. It was accepted that we can only reach the concentrated areas.

JR reported that he was organising the Flimwell Street Champions.

It was agreed that the dates of the consultation events on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February should be prominently displayed over the existing Correx boards and then a subsequent sticker for the last week of the campaign. SC to action.

It was reported that the 700 copies of the draft plan NP are going quickly

**Consultation on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb :**

1 <sup>st</sup> Feb – Lunch time through to evening	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb – 9.00 to Lunch time
DG DS & JR (later) JP AL SB AC LY TK	SB LY TK SC JPil

Tea and coffee - (Feria sandwiches) & biscuits to be provided.

It was reported that the Greedy Goat Street Champion meeting went well and several people had volunteered to assist.

SC reported that via Survey Monkey about 13 per week (third week) had been received on the site, but 10 x that was needed. The paper copies had not yet been counted or posted. It appeared that responses were coming in from a wide geographical area. It was emphasised that people did not have to fill in all the pages if they did not want to.

Neighbourhood News and Views for February will come out on the Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, early to hopefully get people coming to the Consultation Events on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> - proven track record.

TK agreed to visit the Tuesday lunch club at Newington Court. LY thanked everyone and reported that she is staying in contact with the Street Champions and suggested that post consultation the SG should write to all and thank them.

**4. Comments received** J Pil reported that some letters received of objection about the Stonegate open green spaces. A lot of comments have been complimentary and others pointing out factual mistakes. It was agreed to collate a list for the end of consultation period, absorb the points made and consider altering the plan at that stage. It was agreed that comments should be acknowledged through the web site or by the clerk. AC asked for more questionnaires - paper required - LY to supply.

**Old Wardsdown** - J Pil reported that he had met with owner of Maxima who had explained her point of view – and was likely to appeal her application. SC reported that she had gone to a local residents meeting in Flimwell who felt that the approval of nine dwellings to the rear of Wardsdown House would be the thin end of the wedge. JR pointed out that designated green spaces were not a means to stop development but had to meet the relevant criteria.

SC reported that Feria have advised that the SG should look at the comments received and form summary. Feria will then advise on potential responses before collating a consultation statement, summarising the general comment after 14<sup>th</sup> February. The draft plan can then be amended or revised if it is felt necessary - Feria will lead on the condition statement for the SG to approve - pointing out how the policies relate to planning policy. This can take as long as necessary - It was felt it would be sensible to collate comments under policy labels.

**5. Update on plans for V SQ** Ticehurst centre has successfully attracted the attention of the RDC Public Realm Strategy. They are keen on the PC plans for the V. Sq and surrounding area and consequentially have selected Ticehurst as a pilot scheme, in return for Ticehurst contributing to their programme. They have committed £8000 towards the £17000 East Sussex Highways fee to get the plans to a deliverable scheme having negotiated with ESH - safety materials etc. LY reported that the committee were thrilled to have been chosen and it is hoped that this commitment will lead to financial contributions from ESCC and RDC towards achieving the delivery of the scheme. TK pointed out that this progress meets Objective 7 within the N Plan. Resurfacing works have been delayed in the High Street due to drain failure in the middle of the village which might meet the time-frame of the works listed above. LY was congratulated for her work in progressing the plan.

One Horse Chestnut has now been dismantled - two new trees for garden will be provided at the end of February to line up with the others - (container bound- so can be moved if necessary). To date, there had not been too much adverse comment about the removal of the mature tree.

**Update on Flimwell Park:** S Johnson had provided an update on progress and it was generally felt that more should be mentioned in the emerging plan about this educational and economic site. Clerk was asked to request a statement relating to the NP policies from the architects.

Annual Assembly – AC to speak to clerk about booking a date.

**7. Evidence Base** - SC reported that the group have handed over the plan and the evidence base to Ivan Tennant at AECOM - He has read it and is complimentary and has assigned the evidence base to consultants to ensure we have the evidence to support the plan - he will come back to the SG by end of January for our response and then 6 weeks later to receive the final version, giving the SG time to providing more of what they need if necessary

**8. AOB** Stickers - SC to order two sets - white and black.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Feria do not require much in the way of preparation – these are their notes:

“The room needs to be laid out with tables down the middle, with copies of the plan and paper copies of the questionnaire, plus pens. We would want people to complete the questionnaire there and then so maybe a box too, into which they can place completed questionnaires before they leave.

- We do not need bespoke posters this time, but we shall print at A1 the 9 x left hand "chapter start" pages from the plan and these can form a short poster display to give the room some visual interest and context to the presentation.

- I shall bring our own projector and laptop. Can somebody provide a screen? Otherwise, we can project onto the folding doors at the back of the stage which seems to work fine last time.”

Green Boards

Blue Boards and Velcro tabs.

Projector screen.

**9. Date of the next meeting:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 The Bell 5.30 p.m.