

Steering Committee Meeting 09 June 2021

Present:

Cllr Jean Curteis Cllr John Crawford Cllr Kate Walder Siggi Nepp Graham Smith Stephen Sidebottom Sue Quinton Richard Masefield **Apologies:**

Irene Dibben Helen Whitehead Joseph Franklin

01. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of 19 May 2021 were accepted and approved.

02. Matters arising

None

03. Next steps for Reg 14

John confirmed that the completed NP and background papers have been circulated to all the TTC councillors ahead of a meeting of TTC on 21 June. TTC will be asked to approve the public Reg 14 consultation at that meeting commencing the 23rd June 2021. There was some discussion regarding whether members of the public would be able to attend given the situation regarding lockdown restrictions. It was agreed that notification of the meeting would be emailed to the NP mailing list, advising people to listen to the audio recording of the meeting, with a link to the audio. The venue would not be mentioned. The email would also provide a link to the NP website which goes live on 23 June.

(Action: Sue to draft email and circulate to SC for approval)

04. Reg 14 publicity

Siggi confirmed posters, banners and leaflets are ready. Laura at FU has arranged for online publicity via local websites and social media channels. There was a discussion regarding suitable locations / outlets for displaying the posters and banners. Kate requested some help with distributing these once locations have been agreed. It was agreed the banners should be put up at the Rec, Town Hall, St Michaels Rec and in Smallhythe on 23 June. Kate offered to speak to Tesco regarding the idea of setting up an NP information stall outside the shop sometime during the consultation period.



There was some discussion about the process of informing statutory consultees.

With reference to live planning applications still to be determined, it was agreed that planning officers should be referred to lan Grundy once the NP consultation has formally begun.

(Action: Kate to organise the banner display on 23 June. Kate to contact Tesco regarding a NP stall. Kate to contact Ian Grundy regarding statutory consultees. TTC Clerk to advise Simon Cole at ABC regarding distribution of NP to planning officers).

05. Steering Committee response to planning application 21/00790/AS

It is understood that a formal request is expected requesting the NPSC for their views on this application in respect of its impact on green space. The January 2020 minutes were referenced in regard to guidance for submission of views.

In preparation Richard produced a draft response which was considered to be very well written and factual. Some amendments were suggested and these were agreed. The final version will be proof-read by Helen and Richard for accuracy.

(NB John and Sue declared an interest and did not vote.)

Siggi suggested Tony Fullwood be advised.

(Action: Richard and Helen to proof-read as discussed. Stephen to advise Tony)

06. Treasurer's report

There was a query regarding consultants' fees. It was agreed that Siggi and Stephen should follow up with the relevant party. Notwithstanding this the budget is still on track.

(Action: Siggi and Stephen to follow up)

07. AOB

Siggi offered to contact the Kentish Express to discuss an article on Reg 14. John was asked to contact Damian Green for a quote for the piece.

Richard reported that he is donating 12 ethically sourced t-shirts for the members of the SC to wear while out promoting the NP. He is obtaining them via his granddaughter. They can be printed with the NP logo.

Richard asked about the Community Engagement document, and whether his collection of hard copy evidence documents would be needed. It was felt that all evidence was important and should be retained. Siggi pointed out that Irene had collated (indexed?) these but they hadn't been digitised.

Richard also asked about how landowner responses to the consultation will be dealt with. John said that landowners may respond via the website or by letter if they prefer. All



responses will be fed back to FU. Kate added that FU are planning to hold a special Zoom session for landowners as well.

Next meeting to be arranged.