

STAPLEHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW GROUP

Minutes of meeting held on 13 June, 2018

Present: Robin Oakley(RO), Cllr.Joan Buller(JB), Colin Bowden (CB), Colin Love (CL), Cllr. Adele Sharp (AS), Tom Burnham (TB) arrived at 8.50pm having been to represent the PC at the Scout Group AGM. Cllr. Sue Forward was welcomed as an observer.

Apologies for absence: Cllr. John Perry Cllr. Gill Smith and Margaret Arger.

1. **Membership of Group.** Resident Colin Bowden has joined the Group.
2. **Election of Chairman.** Having previously expressed her willingness to be Chairman of the Group, Margaret Arger was re-elected as Chairman. In her absence, Cllr. Buller agreed to chair the meeting.
3. **Minutes of Meeting on 15th May, 2018.** No comments.
4. **Matters arising, not covered on the agenda.** In response to comments from the NPRG the Parish Council has:
Contacted Southern Water to arrange a meeting to discuss foul and surface water drainage on the Hen and Duckhurst Farm project,
Referred to its Finance and Strategy Group, the request to make provision for funding the revision of the Neighbourhood Plan in the 2019-20 financial year, and
has Resolved that an application be made to MBC requesting agreement to registration of the King's Head as an asset of community value.
5. **Planning Applications received by the Parish Council.** A planning application has been received for construction of a new detached house on the garden of No. 11, Iden Crescent. In view of the recent approval given by MBC for a similar application at 16 Bell Lane, it seems unlikely that this application will be refused by MBC.
6. **Planning Application 18/502254 6 bungalows at West View, Maidstone Road.** The NPRG had produced some notes on the application for the PC Planning Committee which had considered the application and recommended to MBC that it be refused, with a request that it be dealt with by the MBC Planning Committee.
7. **David Wilson Homes application for approval of reserved matters on their development on land north of Marden Road.** Cllr. Adele Sharp will speak on behalf of the Parish Council to recommend to MBC at its meeting on 14 June, 2018, that the revised application be refused on various grounds.
8. **Review of Maidstone Local Plan.** JB reported that the PC has received a consultation document from MBC.
9. **Review of Staplehurst Neighbourhood Plan.** No further action to report.
10. **Lodge Road and Station Area Regeneration.** It was noted that the ongoing work at the Station car park will probably preclude any redevelopment of the area which had been the intention of the Neighbourhood Plan.
11. **The Parade.** JB reported that the matter of the Parade was now in the hands of the PC's Community Enhancement Group.
12. **Sainsbury's.** Nothing to report.

- 13. Register of Listed Buildings and Parish Assets.** AS proposed that the Group should consider listing the Post Office, and the Public Library as Community Assets and this should be considered at future Group meetings.
- 14. Re-location of the Group's monthly meetings.** It was agreed that the re-location of the venue for the Group's monthly meeting would not now take place.
- 15. Any other business.** It was noted that the draft Marden Neighbourhood Plan is now published for consultation pursuant to Regulation 14 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. It can be seen on line via <http://www.mardenkent-pc.gov.uk/community/marden-parish-council-13394/draft-np-documents/> Group members are asked to familiarise themselves with its contents so that the plan can be discussed at this Group's 11 July meeting. Any comments can then be forwarded by SPC to Marden PC before the 21st July, 2018.
- 16. Dates of next meetings.** 11 July 15 August 19 September

POST MEETING NOTE: The Hen and Duckhurst application was considered by MBC Planning Committee on 14th June. Cllr. Adele Sharp spoke for the Parish Council and Ms. Caroline Highwood spoke as a resident of Lime Trees, both objecting to the application, but the Planning Committee ignored their views and voted in favour of approval by 8 votes to 5.

