

STAPLEHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW GROUP

Minutes of virtual meeting held on 20th April, 2022 at 7.45pm

1. **Present**, Margaret Arger, Chairman (MA), Cllr. Joan Buller (JB), Tom Burnham (TB) Robin Oakley, Secretary (RO), Colin Love (CL), Robin Kenworthy (RK). Cllr. John Perry (JP)
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Colin Bowden (CB). Cllr. Paddy Riordan (PR) (Attending another council committee meeting), Cllr. Adele Sharp (AS) (Attending Community Centre Committee meeting)
3. **Minutes of Meeting held on 30th March, 2022:** Agreed, with no matters arising.
4. **Revisions to Neighbourhood Plan Section VH1 and Objectives O8 & O9.** Formally agreed and already passed to Parish Clerk for inclusion on the agenda of the PC meeting on Monday 25th April 2022.
5. **Review of Neighbourhood Plan Policy GW1, Objectives O10 & O11, and policy E1.** Various Group members have contributed comments on sections and subject to amendments as discussed it was agreed that the secretary would prepare an amended document for circulation to members and discussion at the next meeting. It was agreed that all diagrams should be amended and updated as necessary and checked to ensure that they contain everything that they should. The red line on the diagram on page 45 should not be extended north of the railway line. The Diagrif golf course in George Street and the Cricket and Tennis Club in Frittenden Road both need to be protected as open spaces.
6. **Proposal for 100 new dwellings in Lodge Road.** This proposal by Ilke Homes was discussed and it was noted that the consultation period had closed. Therefore the matter can be left in abeyance until a formal planning application is submitted later in the year.
7. **Any other business.** RK reported that he is awaiting a visit of Alan Smith of the Kent Messenger to discuss improving access on footways for mobility scooters.
It was agreed that the group should suggest to the parish council that MBC should be asked if there have been any further discussions with Network Rail as to whether they plan any more changes or improvements to Staplehurst station and its car parks. JB agreed to check that S106 monies are all accounted for and it was suggested that some S106 money could be allocated to provision of a notice board at the railway station giving information as to location of care homes, the Kent Adolescent Hospital, bus stops etc.
8. **Dates of future meetings, revised as follows:-**
 - Tues. 17th May**
 - Wed. 15th June ***
 - Wed. 27th July**
 - Tues. 16th August**
 - Tues. 20th September ***
 - The Chairman indicated that it will be necessary for somebody else to stand in as Chairman as she will not be available.