

STAPLEHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW GROUP

Minutes of virtual meeting held on 29th September, 2021 at 7.45pm Re-convened from 22nd September 2021

- 1. Present,** Robin Oakley, Secretary(RO), Margaret Arger, Chairman (MA), Cllr. Joan Buller (JB), Tom Burnham (TB), Cllr. Adele Sharp (AS), Cllr. Colin Bowden.
- 2. Apologies:** Cllr. Paddy Riordan (on Training Course), Robin Kenworthy (Unwell), Cllr. John Perry (attending MBC meeting)
- 3. Resignation:** Cllr. Simon McNeill has tendered his resignation from the Group due to pressure of work.
- 4. Minutes of Meeting held on 18th August, 2021:** Agreed
- 5. Matters Arising.** JB noted that water from the car wash is still being discharged over the station car park. JB said that further details of the revised route for the Sainsbury's shoppers' bus are to hand with the Parish Clerk. It was agreed that the Group formally requests the Parish Council to contact William Cornall at MBC to obtain information as to his progress on suggestions for development of the station area and Lodge Road following the meeting held on 20th August, 2018. It was also agreed that the Group formally requests the Parish Council to contact MBC to request that it conducts a survey and appraisal of the Staplehurst Conservation Area.
- 6. Review of Neighbourhood Plan Policies PW1 – 5.** It was agreed that the revised policies PW1-5 were complete and ready to be handed to the Parish Council for their approval. It was agreed that the next task would be to review Policies C1 to C6 and the Chairman asked everyone present, and those not present, to look at the present clauses and submit any comments or suggested revisions to the Secretary by not later than 20th October, so that they can be summarised and issued to group members for discussion at the next meeting on October 27th. It was noted that the policy headings may need revision.
- 7. Design Code for Housing in Staplehurst.** It was agreed that the Design Code was now at a stage where nothing more could be added and that the Parish Council should be requested to consider and approve it, although it was accepted that if the PC's application for Government funding was approved, this would inevitably result in changes. In the meantime the Group formally requests the PC to set up a meeting with MBC to discuss the Design Code as it stands.
- 8. Any other business.**

Planning Application 21/505021 New Housing at George Street. It was noted that this application for housing on land between the railway and George Street would be discussed at the PC's Planning Committee at its meeting on 4th October. In view of the short timescale, any comments from Resident Members of this Group should be sent to the Parish Clerk by 9am on 4th October.

Planning applications for new housing at Iden Grange and at Station Approach. Comments from MA and RO have already been submitted to the PC.
- 9. Future Meetings.** There was some discussion as to whether the Group should continue with Zoom virtual meetings or return to holding actual meetings in the Youth Club. It was agreed that the October meeting would be a Zoom meeting at which a decision would be made as to future meeting formats.
The next meetings are at 7.45pm on the following dates:-
October 27, November 24, December 22.

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm

Robin Oakley 30th September 2021