

STAPLEHURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW GROUP

Minutes of meeting held on 28th November, 2018

Present: Margaret Arger (MA)(Chairman), Robin Oakley(RO), Colin Bowden (CB), Cllr. Tom Burnham (TB), John Kelly (JK), Cllr. Gill Smith (GS)

Apologies for absence: Cllr. Joan Buller, Colin Love.

1. **Membership of Group.** No changes.
2. **Minutes of Meeting on 31st October, 2018.** No comments or matters arising.
3. **Non-Councillor Members Policy and Procedures.** At the October meeting It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should be asked to prepare a declaration document for the members of the Group to sign to confirm that they are not disqualified from serving on the Group. As this declaration document had not appeared TB said that he would raise this matter with the Parish Clerk.
4. **David Wilson Homes (DWH) Land north of Marden Road.** Work is proceeding at speed on site despite the fact that the planning conditions imposed by MBC are not being complied with. There are serious problems with mud being brought on to the highway by vehicles leaving the site. Whilst this apparent ignoring of the conditions by the developer is not really a matter for this Group, it was agreed that TB would ask the Parish Clerk to press MBC at the highest level, i.e. the Chief Executive and the Chief Planning Officer, to act on enforcement of the conditions, and to seek an urgent site meeting with the developers, Southern Water, Kent County Council (who are the surface water authority) and Kent Highways. This minute to be sent to Cllrs. Hotson, Perry and Brice.
5. **Reported Planning Decisions.** Perfect Place application granted with conditions. Udene Farm decision to be appealed with hearing on 26 March 2019. Blossom Lodge decision to be appealed on a date to be confirmed.
6. **Review of Staplehurst Neighbourhood Plan Objective O6.** The suggested revision for this objective went to the Parish Council, together with a full list of the suggested revisions and amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan, after the October meeting. TB confirmed that this will be discussed by the Parish Council at its January 2019 meeting.
7. **Asset of Community Value – The King’s Head Public House.** After some discussion it was agreed that the Group would recommend to the Parish Council that it writes to the tenant of the Kings Head and the owners Shepherd Neame, explaining why the PC is seeking to have the property listed as an asset of community value, and explaining what information the Borough Council is seeking as a first step towards listing. It is appreciated that some of the information requested may be of a commercially sensitive nature. JK indicated that he would be prepared to meet the tenant for a discussion.
8. **Lodge Road and Station Area Regeneration.** Nothing to report.
9. **The Parade.** The present condition of the Parade is the subject of discussion by the Community Enhancement Group.
10. **Sainsbury’s.** Nothing to report. Concern was expressed about the state of the garage site.
11. **Wimpey Field Nature Reserve.** TB reported that KCC’s Rights of Way officer has visited site and said that Taylor Wimpey have built over a footpath. The Parish Council are to meet Taylor Wimpey in January 2019, to discuss moving or unlocking the gate for access. JK said that he is concerned that access is still in question.

12. AOB. It was noted that Cranbrook Neighbourhood Plan is to be on show at a public meeting to be held on Thursday, 6 December, 2018 at 7pm in Colliers Green School. MA and RO have indicated that they will be attending. It was also noted that Goudhurst Neighbourhood Plan will be on show at Goudhurst Parish Hall on Saturday, 8 December, 2018 between 9am and 12 noon. MA and RO have indicated that they will be attending. Attention was drawn to the news that the Weald of Kent Preservation Society are considering applying for the Weald of Kent to be designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

13. Dates of next meetings. 23rd January, 2019 20th February, 2019, 20th March, 2019