

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Southwick Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tuesday 8TH Oct. 2019

Present: Cllr John Eaton (Chair) Barbara Johnson, Janet Player, Alison Jackson, Joan Jones, Cllr Heydon, Cllr McCaw, Cllr Noble

MINUTES

1. HEALTH AND SAFETY. – Chair outlined the need for H&S while on Village Hall premises
2. APOLOGIES RECEIVED from Fowler's - Aaron Smith unwell, Hollie Snyder unavailable.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. No declarations made
4. AGREE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING. Minutes agreed by all members and signed off as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
5. PREPARATIONS FOR INFORMATION EVENT 12/13TH OCTOBER Cllr's McCaw, Cllr Noble and Joan Jones advised of their respective non-availability to participate in the Site Information Event on 12/13 October.
Discussions then ensued regarding final tasks leading up to the event and SG cover for respective timeslots during the event itself.
6. CONSULTANTS UPDATE. No direct update available from Fowlers due to Aaron's illness. The Chair confirmed that work was underway to create a new project timeline.
7. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW REQUEST BY TROWBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL (TTC)
The Chair provided a summary of the action taken by TTC against four of the outlying Parishes around Trowbridge, namely Southwick, North Bradley, West Ashton and Hilperton. The Chair went on to outline the initial reactions of each of the Parishes. There had been very supportive and proactive engagement between in order for the PC's to ensure a response deadline set by Wiltshire Council of 1st October was met.

In summary, NDP SG members oppose the TTC CGR request due to the impact it will have on the NDP Designated area, impact on the structure of the current draft NDP, the amount of rework required and the likelihood of further delays /costs.

The SG support the idea of establishing a working union with other Parish Councils/NDP Steering Groups that are likewise affected by TTC's CGR Request, (namely North Bradley, West Ashton and Hilperton).

The SG supports the action taken by West Ashton Parish Council to initiate a CGR Request of its own.

The Chair then proposed that the following recommendations be made to Southwick Parish Council:

- I. That Southwick Parish Council form an ongoing, working union with the other three Parish Council's affected**
- II. The Council should formally oppose TTC's CGR request.**
- III. In the absence of an alternative/better strategy, Southwick Parish Council should adopt the same approach taken by West Ashton PC, namely to initiate a CGR of its own.**

All the recommendations above were supported at the SG meeting by a majority show of hands.

7. AOB - Nothing raised.

Meeting closed 8:34

Cllr.J.Eaton