

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Southwick Village Hall at 7.30pm. Wednesday 27th Nov. 2019

In attendance: Cllr John Eaton (Chair), Alison Jackson, Jacky Newman, Cllr Josh Heydon, Janet Player, Joan Jones, Barbara Johnson, Aaron Smith, Hollie Synder.

MINUTES

1. HEALTH AND SAFETY – relevant details shared with group members
2. APOLOGIES RECEIVED – Cllr Noble.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None
4. AGREE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – Minutes agreed by all members present and signed off by the Chair as a true and accurate record.
5. LEAVERS & JOINERS – The Chair advised that Cllr McCaw had unexpectedly advised him of her resignation from the SG during a telephone conversation on Friday 22nd November 2019. The Chair thanked Cllr McCaw for her contribution.
The Chair welcomed and introduced Jacky Newman to the SG. The Chair proposed Jacky as a new joiner to the SG. This proposal was seconded by Janet Player and voted unanimously in favour of Jacky becoming a member of the SG.
6. CONSULTANTS UPDATE. – Aaron advised that Southwick's NDP is currently in a 'hiatus' while AECOM complete their technical assessments. This process should be complete by end Dec 2019. Aaron will be working to refresh the NDP document during this time, but there is little that the SG can be progressing with, at least until AECOM have completed their technical assessments.

Hollie opened discussions on Green Spaces policy, in particular how this would take Southwick Country Park into consideration. Discussions ensued and Hollie captured comments from SG members.
7. AOB – Cllr Josh Heydon advised SG members that the Parish Council had formally referred the 'proposal' for a short bypass through Southwick, submitted by resident Les Inskip. General discussions ensued and the Chair confirmed that the 'proposal' would be a specific agenda point for the next SG meeting, when a working party will be formed to properly assess.

Cllr Heydon also advised that the Parish Council had accepted that the status of the SG is a community lead committee and not a sub committee of the Parish Council.

Barbara asked if it would be beneficial for the SG to have more regular updates appearing in the Village News. All members agreed this would be a good thing to do and the Chair also gave the news that the SG would have access to its own bespoke website in the New Year. This will break reliance on limited Parish Council website.

Meeting concluded at 8:29pm

Date of next meeting: TBC

Cllr.J.Eaton