

Minutes of Forum 30.3.2017

Apologies were received from Sean Searight, Sukie Swann, Connie Hockley, Amanda Maguire, Lindsay Bailey

Fareham Borough Council Approval

Ann fed back to the Forum that she had made a deputation to the Executive meeting of the Council, in which she outlined the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Forum and area of the plan were unanimously approved and the Leader and members thanked Ann and the Forum for their work.

Ann reported that the Council have now been extremely helpful and have a new member on their planning team who has had experience of Neighbourhood Plans and can advise using this experience.

The Fareham Borough Local Plan has had to be delayed due to the Government White Paper, so now has an approximate date of September for the draft. Titchfield plan needs to be embedded in the local plan so we would wish ours to follow same timescale.

Neighbourhood Plans now have even more importance and once legal, through local agreement, will be part of the local Borough plan for the next 20 years.

Ann reported that, due to increased work load two new members, John Hiatt and Pamela van Reysen have joined the executive group.

Footpaths and Cycle Paths

Ross reported that a small group is working hard on this issue. Lesley Blackburn has walked footpaths to assess their condition. The aim is to publish a circular path and cycle path within the Neighbourhood.

Ross had also met with Sue Dent from Titchfield Haven. She was extremely supportive of any plans that would improve the canal path. She would like the whole path to be of the standard at the Bowling club end but she feels that any funding will have to include a cycle track along. Benches along canal were also proposed and easier disabled access. There is no radar key at present and gate is padlocked. Paula informed the meeting that this was to stop cows.

Housing

Colin informed the Forum that the Neighbourhood Plan must be a planning policy plan. The consultations and considerations lead also on to other things. We have to have some housing in the Plan. The number of houses identified for the next 20 years for Titchfield will be identified with Fareham Borough Council. We have commissioned a Housing Needs assessment data and Colin will receive this in the next 2 to 3 weeks. The Borough has already received a number of sites from landowners in their Call for Sites initiative.

Colin reported the importance that the Neighbourhood Plan also looks for sites which would be appropriate for this village over the next 20 years. He emphasised without our plan F.B.C could identify where and how many houses they think appropriate.

A group has been set up to look at sites and he reminded the Forum that this is a community process which if the community agree then the Borough must legally abide by it.

Colin shared some of the draft ideas for policies for housing.

On the question regarding developers interest in Posbrook Road Colin replied that this was an early enquiry from developers and a long way ahead for anything further.

Heritage Lottery Funding

John Hiatt reported that he had a very quick and helpful response from the Project Enquiry team. The first part of the response was generic but the second part specific to Titchfield. If we want to go for one large project bringing with it the whole fund request this will need some unity of ideas. A unified project will have to have clear unity of vision and outcomes. An alternative to this could be a number of smaller projects of 3 to 10 thousand pounds each. It was felt we should go for the unified project and John will seek some advice on this

Village in Bloom

One of the Forum suggestions which came from the Presentation sub group was Village in Bloom. Gloria reported on progress.

West Hill school are producing posters to advertise for us and Titchfield primary school are making miniature gardens out of recycled containers.

The window display has caused a lot of comment and our thanks to Rowans for the space.

St Margarets meeting at 8.30pm Nursery owner is supporting with plants and containers and we are meeting with the new owner of Abbey and other nurseries this week.

We have a large planter being built and have asked advice on a bee friendly shrub for planting in it.

Two clear up days are planned and we aiming to get chewing gum and street cleaning done prior to the event. Local produce will be given high profile as will conservation and heritage.

Portfolios are being produced to show the yearly beauty of this wonderful place. The committee is very excited about the event and are meeting fortnightly to ensure it is a success.

A.O.B

Health Day (another off shoot of Planning) will be on 23rd September 2017.

Everetts our local chemist have offered to sponsor the event and have already paid for the hall. Judy will send Ann defibrilator training information

Healthy Walk is on 24 th May

Ann circulated Declaration of Interest Forms for members to complete.

Peter Wheal and John Hiatt will be involved in writing and producing the Neighbourhood Plan.

Ann closed the