West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Committee meeting minutes

Location:	Zoom teleconference
Date:	10 November 2020
Time:	7.00pm
Attendees:	Wade Pollard (Chair), Sally Cantello, Keith Creswell, Emma Davis, Stewart Dick, Chris Dougherty, Penny Hoskyn, Ian McAtamney, Roland Nevett, Dharma Sivarajasingham, Emma Slaymaker, Richard Thomas, Bob Tilley Mary Bridgman (Councillor) Apologies: Gary Elson, Amanda Boote, Graham Christie (Councillors)

Agenda items

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of last meeting

3. Concept Plan - update

4. WB Village Centre Redevelopment Liaison Group - update

5. SADPD – update

6. Neighbourhood Forum Re-designation - Update

7. AGM plans

8. Woodlands Avenue planning application

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ITEM NO:

1. Apologies were received as above.

2. The Minutes of the 13 October meeting were approved.

Action: ED to upload in pdf format onto the website. SC and WP to sign printed copy.

3. Concept Plan update

KC and SC presented their work on the Concept Plan so far (the document was circulated to committee members prior to this meeting). This involved the development of four different options for the location of proposed sports and community facilities on the WB Recreation ground to be discussed with users and potential users and with stakeholders of the Byfleet Corner area (as described in the Neighbourhood Plan). KC and SC outlined some issues emerging from early discussions with these, in particular parking. PH reported that, contrary to what had been understood, WBC may be happy to allow parking on the Rec as when Sheer House is demolished the 67 public spaces will disappear in the interim. MB provided information about how community spaces in Byfleet are used and managed and BT did the same re Pyrford – both villages having considerably more space than WB. Members encouraged SC and KC to include an option for locating a community

hall on land currently owned by BUC close to the school playing fields. IM suggested using the Arbor Centre in Pyrford and Byfleet village hall as templates for the planning of a WB community facility and storage (e.g. in terms of space required by uniformed groups).

WP suggested finding out more about SCC education plans in order to understand what school expansion may be required and what land needed. **Action: WP to ask AB who to contact.**

KC and SC aim to complete this initial work and present their findings in 2-3 weeks for discussion at the December committee meeting.

WP will contact AB to check on whether NCIL monies can be used to pay a consultant to manage the project to develop the Rec facilities beyond this point.

WP reported that changes being considered by the WBC/SCC Joint Committee on the process for managing CIL-funded projects are insignificant. Even if adopted, they would mean that Forum members and Councillors would still be responsible for project management, contracting etc.

Action: WP to forward members the link to the upcoming Joint Committee webcast.

4. WB Village Centre Redevelopment Liaison Group - update

IM reported that the public Zoom meeting held by RVG on the redevelopment of the Sheer House site was helpful in many areas including the plans for the public realm. He received an answer to his question about how many employees will be present at peak times – i.e.35-40 plus 8 agency staff, most of whom will require parking. SC brought up the possibility of using the Woodlands car park for parking for staff of the new development.
Action: SC to ensure RVG are aware of the Woodlands parking facility.

IM reported that retail space has been cut back to 15-20 spaces, in line with developments in the retail market generally. RN reported that demolition is now scheduled for Q1 2021. IM noted that RVG confirmed that the planned step back to Block A will be retained. The committee was urged to ensure that RVG are held to this. The decision on the Section 73 application will be made on 8 December.

The next meeting of the liaison group on Monday 23 November will be on plans for the public realm.

5. SADPD – update

It was reported that a meeting was held by the Green Belt Action Group with 5 or 6 WBNF members present plus Neil Willetts and Krista Rooney in Byfleet. It was reported that savebyfleetsgreenbelt.org will crowd fund to pay for legal advice, now that the leaflet campaign has been paid for.
SD stressed that the Residents Association's position is focused on the need to protect all green belt and believes that the SADPD should be amended not thrown out or there will be a develop free-for-all.

There was a discussion about the possibility of pursuing legal action. SD suggested getting legal advice only after the Inspector's final report and for the Forum to consider raising funds to make a legal challenge on the final report in the spring, supported by a public meeting to inform residents.

Action: WP to speak to Neil Willetts to inform him that the Forum would prefer to let the Byfleet group continue its own action at the present time and the WBNF will consider a response to the Inspector post his report.

6. Neighbourhood Forum re-designation – update

PH informed the committee that the letter about re-designation will go out to residents this week. The consultation will continue until 7 January.

Action: ED to put the application on the WBNF website. PH to put a hard copy in West Byfleet library and laminated copies on the village noticeboards.

7. AGM

WP reported that all committee members are happy to stand again for office. He will settle on a date once the SADPD main modifications consultation finishes on 16 November. This may be by Zoom as RVG ran a successful public meeting of c60 people on Zoom recently.

Action: WP to speak to CD and KC re auditing the accounts in preparation for the AGM.

8. Woodlands Avenue Planning Application

After discussion it was decided to object to the latest application for this site. SD confirmed that the RA will do similarly.

Action: RN to lodge the objection with WBC.

Date of next meeting: NOTE NEW DATE: Thursday 10 December @7pm – full WBNF meeting via Zoom. **DS to send invitations.**