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**MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17th August 7PM AT THE WESLEY CENTRE, PADDOCK
WOOD.**

APOLOGIES: Jeremy Thompson, Ralph Oxborrow,

PRESENT: Sarah Hamilton (Chairman), Richard Barsley, John Flashman, Meryl Flashman, David Henshaw, Andy Mackie, Carol Williams,

In attendance: Derek Boyle

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th July 2016 were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The Committee was happy with the amendments made to the Feria report. SH to report back to Feria and ensure that Feria place the amended version on their website.
- CW is concerned that there is currently no policy statement around sports and leisure etc. It was explained that this is purely because so far people have not brought these forward for inclusion. It does not mean it will be ignored. The Committee agreed that it was important that policy statements on omitted areas should be included otherwise the Neighbourhood Plan will be incomplete. It was also confirmed that draft policy statements can be used in an attempt to influence planning applications.
- The Committee was reminded of the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan and what it can achieve (covered in latest report / policy mix document)

3. VACANCY ON STEERING GROUP

Following the resignation of Mark Airey from the Steering Group there is now a vacancy on the Steering Group. Mark also held the role of Communications Officer and a replacement for this role is also sought. Following discussion it was agreed that there is the need for a designated Facebook page for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Actions:

- As none present wanted to take over the role of Communications Officer SH to ask Jim Large if he would be prepared to take over managing the Facebook page.
- MF to advertise the vacancy on the steering group - possibly on Town Council noticeboards and in the Courier.
- JF to approach Jeremy about whether he would be interested in taking on the role of Communications Officer.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Articles have been submitted for the September editions of the Town Crier and Contact.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Council approved unanimously the proposed quote from FERIA Urbanism to complete the project.

MF to discuss with Nichola Reay the grant application for £1000 that can now be applied for.

6. SETTING UP OF SUB GROUPS

- Town Centre (page 14) – Lambert and Fosters wish to be involved. Need to ask Carol Prior if she would get involved. SH will contact everyone who has said they are interested before next meeting. A lot of people who might be interested are currently on holiday. Agreed to include the Station (page 13) with Town Centre.
- Sports and recreation – John Hall and Derek Boyle have both offered to be involved with this group. CW interested in being the representative of the sub-group on the steering group with a particular interest in health. Local sports organisations need to be contacted as well as Fusion and Mascalls Academy. The Borough cycling strategy also needs to be taken into consideration.
- Heritage - SH intending to formalise “Heritage Paddock Wood” which would be interested in developing a heritage centre. JF and MF also interested in Heritage. SH to lead initially
- Wesley Centre (page 18) - Cllr Derek Boyle has a keen interest in the Wesley Centre and has been involved with the Town Clerk, in continuing discussions with the Borough Council, in his role as a Town Councillor.

7. COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

The working group has continued to develop the work. Jon White has been liaising with Nichola Reay and holding preliminary discussions with potential tenants. AM reported that Elizabeth Thomas has spoken to Jon White about the possibility of holding a Community Centre Board meeting in September.

8. A.O.B.

The difference between the Paddock Wood Town Council five year plan and the Neighbourhood Plan was clarified as it is important that the public of Paddock Wood are not confused. The Neighbourhood Plan involves the Community's wishes but the Town Council's Five year plan will specify what the Town Council plans to do over the next 5 years.

Following a discussion about how to get young people involved with the sub groups it was agreed that this should be an agenda item for September.

It is possible that Tesco may be looking for another potential purchaser for their Town Centre land.

RB gave his apologies for the September and October meetings.

9. DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING: Wednesday 21st September 2016 7pm at the Wesley Centre

Dates of future Steering Group meetings: 19 Oct 2016, 16 Nov 2016, 21 Dec 2016

Meryl Flashman 17th August 2016