

Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on 11th February 2016.

Present: Cllr. Edward Lush, Mark Boulton, Roy Brerton, Jane Hough, Alison Kempster, Carol Over, Joe Thompson, Robin Turney.

1. Apologies from Celia Cummings. Cllr. Mike Lloyd has had to resign from the Group because of other pressures on his time.

2. The minutes held 14th January 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising from those minutes

* letters to the 2 doctors practices had been sent but neither had yet responded

* letter to owner of Pool Bank had not yet been sent but would be by the Chairman. One issue to pick up at any subsequent meeting was whether any part of the site could be used as a skate board facilitated.

* the letter to the Diocesan Secretary had been sent but it turned out to the wrong person. The Chairman had now sent the letter to the correct person, George.colville@chester.anglican.org

* the young people asked to work with their contemporaries in the village to find out recreation priorities based on community questionnaire results had yet to complete their work.

* it was noted that the Gladman Developments Ltd revised plans for Church Farm did not include a full size football pitch and that was part of the Parish Council response to CWaC in September 2015 when CWaC were assessing future recreational needs.

4. Progress on assigned tasks were reviewed.

* Mark had identified the facilities and activities that encourage more active lifestyles. After a discussion it was agreed the Woodland Trust should be added. Mark would approach the Secretaries of the Tennis and Bowling Clubs to find out how usage of their facilities by non-members on an ad hoc basis could be encouraged or made easier.

* Alison had updated her analysis of facilities and activities that supported older people and those with a disability with some age statistics. It was noted that there were no activities for disabled children within the parish area and many of the shops did not have suitable access for people with a disability. Both these should be flagged as important areas of improvement.

* Joe who is considering how Tarvin could be made cleaner and greener wondered whether Tarvin should go down the carbon neutral route of Ashton Heyes. It was felt that in terms of any further housing allowed the highest standard of energy efficiency should be sought. It was felt that the thrust of the Plan's green policies should be

Preservation- of existing Green Belt

- of the character of existing green spaces
- the natural environment and heritage

Enhance- access to the countryside.

It was agreed that the Chairman would use Tarvinonline to find out if there any experts in our community who could work with the Steering Group to identify the areas richest in wildlife and to identify the most important wildlife corridors e.g. the most significant hedgerows and water courses that best promote and sustain out wildlife.

The Group would also use Tarvinonline to ask local people to send in their photographs of their favourite views in the Parish area as these were the ones that should always be protected.

* Roy had spoken to Rosie Morgan at CWaC Planning regarding capacity of parish infrastructure. She told him that if shortages were identified as a consequence of a development proposal it would be a requirement on the developer to make good. In terms of the sewage system and treatment the Local Plan strategic policies identified that United Utilities had an obligation to enhance their system.

* Ted had produced a paper on capacity of the community infrastructure but there were gaps as the two pre-school nurseries had yet to respond.

* Robin was still progressing more and safer cycle routes.

5. Other issues discussed

* difficulties now the C84 and the 84 bus services were run by separate, competing companies.

* the Facebook page was now a public not private and Jane would like all Steering Group members to join it soon.

* there was some private sheltered housing on The Ridgeway

* should there be a community toilet scheme i.e. a scheme where businesses on the High Street or Church Street would allow the public access even though they were not a customer? The Chairman will follow this up.

6. It was agreed the 6 main areas for the final plan seemed appropriate and for the next meeting the Chairman would work something up on one chapter that could be discussed by the Steering Group, then the consultant Richard Thresh from Cheshire Community Action and Rosie Morgan the CWaC Planner who is assigned to the Group.