



LENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IMPLEMENTATION & REVIEW GROUP
NOTICE OF THE **ZOOM** MEETING ON TUESDAY 16th MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM

Present: Richard Greenwood Chairman presiding.

Cllrs. J Britt, K Hammond, N Osborne, A Ratcliffe, M Cockett, M Lowe, S Heeley.

P McCreery (Consultant), P Culver, V Woollven, R Young.

L Westcott (Clerk)

20/61 **Apologies:** Margo McFarlane

20/62 **Declarations of Interest:**

V Woollven declared a conflict of interest arising from the land to the rear of Tithe Barn, N Osborne and P Culver declared a conflict of interest to land to the east of Old School Close, J Britt declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Inkstand Cattery site, members of the group who stand on LPC declared an interest in relation to William Pitt Field. All declared conflicts of interest are non-pecuniary; this also relates to all previously declared conflicts of interest.

20/63 **To sign as a correct record of the minutes of the LNP meeting 16th February 2021:**

R Greenwood (Chairman) signed the minutes as a correct record (post meeting).

20/64 **Lenham Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) Timetable Actions etc:**

- a. Referendum Campaign posters - S Heeley has put together some graphics for posters and stickers using the LPC blue colours. S Heeley was keen to use messages to encourage the community to take ownership of the plan. P Culver stated that it is a complicated message as some people don't understand the objectives of the LNP. SOHL posters will be replaced with referendum posters.
ACTION S Heeley and V Woollven to work on poster designs.
The actual referendum question is not known, so "vote yes" may be the wrong term to use in the campaign.
ACTION L Westcott to find out the wording of the referendum question and possible answers.
- b. Lenham Focus inserts - J Britt has produced an insert for inclusion with April's Lenham Focus, there are 100 additional prints of these to be available around the parish. All agreed an advert on the front or back page of May's edition of the Focus would be useful.
ACTION N Osborne to speak to David Jackson to see what options are available for Focus advert.
- c. You tube video - S Heeley shared a YouTube video of a neighbourhood plan in Solihull area. All agreed it was well presented and is something that could work well to advertise the LNP on social media.
ACTION S Heeley and V Woollven to see if we can use and adapt this video and also find out associated costs.
V Woollven stated that the main issue is time, the bullet points in the focus insert could be used in a video.
Mike Lowe has received a quote of £500 to make a three-minute video.
- d. R Greenwood has requested a supportive statement from the borough councillors and MP.
- e. Timetable – Once the posters are ready, a timetable for actions can be drawn up.

20/65 **Wealden Homes Site 7 of the Masterplan Update on Ownership:**

J Britt has written to the new owners regarding their proposed change to 100% social housing. There has been no new planning application to make this change. The applicants of land off Headcorn Road (Russels site) tried to change the percentage of social housing but LPC questioned this, and they withdrew. A Ratcliffe stated that the idea of the LNP is to spread social housing around the parish.

ACTION J Britt to adapt letter sent to new owners to send on to Rob Jarman (Head of Planning and Development at MBC) to voice our concerns, P McCreery to check letter prior to sending it.

20/66 **SOHL Lenham Heath Development Update:**

K Hammond reported that the P and R report by MBC has been received this evening. There is no redline plan included in the report to show where the target area for the proposed Heathlands development is. As 18 landowners have however been removed, the new plan is expected to include the land between the A20 and the railway. Homes England will be negotiating with landowners and are expected to take control of the development. MBC are rushing this through, and the report will not be seen by the full MBC committee, just the chair and vice-chair.

It was agreed that any questions we receive regarding Heathlands, that we answer honestly that MBC are not sharing the latest plans with LPC, borough councillors or the local MP.

20/67 **Future Structure of LNP I&R Committee and Possible Integration with Planning Committee:**

J Britt has produced a paper on the proposed future structure, this has been sent to attendees. Once the LNP has been made, it will be the legal responsibility of LPC and the guidance for any development in the parish. A new restructured committee will take responsibility for ensuring consistency with the LNP. R Greenwood reported that he would like to be included on the new committee, but an LPC councillor will be required to be chair. P McCreery reported that the group should have three main objectives – ensure quality of development, ensure quality of open spaces and to review the LNP and undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

ACTION J Britt to recommend at LPC meeting with a view for the new committee to begin in May.

20/68 **William Pitt Field:**

J Britt reported that a draft contract has been received from Countryside via Thorneloe. The contract should be made clear so that if Countryside sell the site that any agreements with LPC in the contract are taken forward with new owners to avoid repeating the same discussions. It should also be made clear when the payments will be made - the deposit and first payment are clearly written in the contract, but not the second payment.

ACTION J Britt to contact Thorneloe to discuss these points and invite Harriet to the next LPC meeting.

20/69 **Any Other Business:**

None to report.

20/70 **Date of Next Meeting:**

30th March 2021 to plan for referendum.

The meeting closed at 21:30