

HAM AND PETERSHAM FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST 2014: LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
MINUTES

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES: Brian Willman; Maggie Baillie; Geoff Bond; Stan Shaw; Naomi Campbell; Joseph Noble.

2. APPROVE LAST MEETING'S NOTES, DISCUSS, ACTIONS: none.

3. DRAFTING TEAM UPDATE – LBRUT SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN: AB spoke to the Resource Allocations Plan attended by him and GB. Cassel Hospital and St.Michael's Convent sites are posited for educational use. There is a need for additional School places; more must be made available. Ham and Petersham provide places for Richmond and beyond. There is an October deadline date for opinions.

There is strong objection to these sites being given an educational use. AP expressed concern re. the inappropriateness of such a proposal, especially for primary school children. General discussion followed, with a query re. the inclusion of GreyCourt in the green plan.

ACTION AB – to accrue Forum members support; the committee to return comments by early September.

AR reported on the Expert Planning Advisory meeting. There are doubts concerning the finished draft plan; the problem is to convince the Council how to execute it. It is hoped there will be clarification from John

4. STRATHMORE / RUSSELL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION: PF queried the use of open metropolitan land. There is a need to scrutinise Council present thinking. This is fogged by unrevealing, close language. The Forum must put forward some formal comments. MB must be kept informed. We must put down a marker for both Draft and Plan.

5. GLORIANA CONSULTATION (ends 31 August): we were not consulted!! The usage of Ham River car park is at issue. The time-frame is not known.

6. FINANCE : MONIES OWED AND PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT : ‘in status quo’. We still await Council’s grant; and need a Return.

7. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)ADOPTION – IMMEDIATE 25% FOR ‘VILLAGES’ : This was agreed in July; it is to be regularised and rationalised, paid by the Developer. The Forum may receive 15% whilst the plan figures 25%. This is not yet tested; but is available to all village neighbourhood plan areas. ‘We must lobby’ ; this is a knock for us.

There followed debate on the significance of our / Council’s direction; also clarification of what is meant / intended; or the Forum is undermined rather than being consulted. We should have more to say on this. ACTION: AB /AR for letters / lobbying. Substantial monies are at stake.

8. INFORMATION EXCHANGE : Barclays ACV progress – there has been no response. Thought was given to improvements in Ham Parade in relation to Sainsbury’s. Radnor Bridge – ACTION AB / AR to approach the Friends of Radnor Bridge for clarification of the position regarding Ham and Twickenham. We support the proposal.

Community Development Foundation is meeting shortly.

AOB: DW spoke to the ‘ Ham and Petersham Community First’, with some £5000+ to be allotted. Forum could advertise for small grants. ACTION: DW to SP.

DW mentioned the illustrated talk on Ham and Petersham he will give on 27th September.

JH enquired after gardening help for people and displayed the appropriate leaflet. Queried if this could be linked to Ham Open Gardens.

PF spoke to the Twickenham magazine. There was nothing to report on Ham and Petersham magazine. The meeting ended at 9pm. A list of attendees is available.

