

HAM AND PETERSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER, '14

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES: apologies received from Maggie Baillie, Chairman and Brian Willman.

2. APPROVE LAST MEETING'S NOTES, DISCUSS: an amendment to Item 8, the Radnor Bridge proposal was noted.

3. DRAFTING TEAM UPDATE: LBRuT Education – RUSSELL SCHOOL: the letter to Lord True was circulated and alternative proposals discussed. The Neutral Open Land development was questioned; and there followed general discussion re. the quality / extent of information distributed; arrangements for classrooms, access, parking problems; the better use of St. Richard's and Meadlands; protection of the Home Zone was mentioned.

DW queried whether the Council had consulted the community over such a controversial scheme and it was iterated that it was not for the Forum to quote alternatives – but for the community's voice to be heard. Overall it was decided that concerns had not been addressed. JL of the Governing body was to be involved. Proposal from JG that the Forum write to the Council with these suggestions. ACTION: AP GB. The deadline is unknown ?20th Sept.

CASSEL: we have to 6th Oct. to respond to the Council's plan. Suggested that it may be more suited to elderly care than education. ACTION; AB GB to circulate a draft response.

CIL UPDATE: the Forum to be kept informed. Finance was mentioned. We must seek reassurance of progress within the next few weeks.

4. VILLAGE GROUPS FORUM – ALL-IN-ONE; 24th Sept 6 – 8pm: a memo was received from Council offices re.this discussion with all local interest groups, sent to all ‘villages’. AB SS will attend.

5. FORUM NEWSLETTER: JH has sent this to the Vice-Chair. It is proposed to circulate to the committee for any additions, then distribute. The newsletter will be available at the AGM. A decision re. frequency of production must be made; quarterly was suggested.

5a. AGM – format and location: this will be held on Wednesday, 15th October at GreyCoats school. The format will prepare for 200+ people who will receive an update; be engaged in furthering the Forum plan. The Constitution and Membership will be reviewed; size of the committee; quorum will also be scrutinised. The percentage of resident-to-nonresident members; possibility of Area representatives will be proposed. Changes to the Forum’s constitution must be notified to all.

Proposal; DW will discuss the constitution. PC will produce a paper on Models of Co-option.

6. FINANCE – MONIES OWED / PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT: the situation is I.S.Q. we still await the Council tranche.

7. INFORMATION EXCHANGE: SP spoke to the new bus acquired by S>O>S>, to arrive in October. She mentioned that donations toward its cost would be welcome.

BARCLAY’S ACV progress; the Council rejected our suggestion. It was noted, however, that local attitudes toward the changes were softening, so long as an ATM is available on the street. The Forum must remember it exists to reflect / support local opinion! NC enquired re. each sub-group’s population; community mapping was mentioned. JH suggested some 5 – 7 names from each group for residents’ opinions.

H and PMAGAZINE: there is still work at finding the requisite finance. Stuart Churchill may publish at the end of November, needs funding by December.

8. AOB: PC withdrew from Minute-taking responsibilities, with regrets.

9. DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING; Forum will be Doodle-polled for a pre-AGM meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.. A list of attenders is attached.