

PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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DRAFT MINUTES OF A FORUM & STEERING GROUP MEETING

held in the Gerston Chapel Hall, Torquay Road, Paignton
at 6.30pm Thursday 15 September 2016

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In Attendance:

Mary Baron, Pam Bristow, Roger Bristow, Cllr Ian Doggett, Eileen Donovan, John Gibson, Alan Hill, Karen Jemmett, Helen Kummer, Maggie Loates, Leaf Lovejoy, Sam Moss, Melvyn Newbery, Richard Parish, Mike Parkes (Minutes), David Pickhaver, Ann Waites, Christine Watts, David Watts (Chairman), David Wotton.

Apologies:

Anne-Marie Curror, Ian Curror, Cllr Adrian Saunders.

AGENDA ITEM – 1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND WELCOME

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Gerston Chapel for the use of their hall. Apologies received were as listed above.

AGENDA ITEM – 2. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LAST FORUM & STEERING GROUP MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING:

2.a. The previously circulated Agenda was shown on-screen. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2016 were then agreed a true record. Proposed by David Wotton and seconded by John Gibson.

2.b. Follow-up Letters:

L.A. Council Parking Strategy. The Chairman confirmed that a letter discussed at the last meeting was sent on 19 Aug 16 (Minute 3.d). This response was displayed on-screen and endorsed by the members.

AGENDA ITEM – 3. PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS.

By way of introduction, the Chairman asked members to note that a new Neighbourhood Planning Bill had just had its first Parliamentary reading. Changes to the present Neighbourhood Planning Regulations are also expected to be published by the Government on 1st October 2016. It would probably not have an effect on the progress of the Paignton Neighbourhood Plan.

3.a. SEA Scoping Report

(i) Despite, the “Screening Opinion” responses being both supportive and positive from the three Statutory Authorities, the Forum had previously agreed to go for a ‘belt and braces’ approach and submit a voluntary “Scoping Report” (under of Reg 12(5)).

(ii) The revisions made to the previously agreed joint draft of June 2015 had already been sent to the Council for their comment and DP confirmed at this meeting that the Council had no problems with this revised document. The document can be found on the Forum’s website.

(iii) The required 5 week consultation period would run from 19 Sep until 25 Oct 2016.

(iv) An application for a grant was being made to ‘Locality’ to support a full assessment and a back-up plan was in place to use existing consultancy support if needed.

(v) A vote of hands showed unanimous support for this action and confirmation that the Scoping Report consultation will commence on 19 September 2016.

3.b. **Local Green Space designation** (draft 3).

(i) Work to be done included:

- using best endeavours to contact land owners (DP thought Liam Montgomery might be able to advise)
- submitting a copy to the Council for comment
- including a draft in the "Supporting Evidence" document
- updating those sites as currently shown in the "Neighbourhood Plan".

(ii) DW then displayed on-screen the previously circulated draft 3 document and there followed detailed discussion on listed sites. To aid accuracy, Members were asked to go through all of the listed sites and email comments direct to the Chairman within a two week deadline before the next Forum meeting on 20 Oct 16. There was unanimous support for the format of the document and all the suggestions made so far by those members present. It was further agreed that any emailed suggestions be incorporated for review at the next meeting.

3.c. **Progress on other documents.**

(i) Ideas for 'cover sheets' for the NP documents were displayed. Suggestions were made on alternative colours, strapline text and formatting. The overall format of the main document and supporting set was agreed subject to review of the photograph finally used for the main cover and possibly green colour strip instead of blue. It was agreed that the alternative colour would be circulated for all to consider and make a final decision on at the next meeting on 20 October.

(ii) The Chairman advised that the following matters regarding "Supporting Evidence" were being drafted for decision at the October meeting:

- Population characteristics
- Employment & housing sites assessed (in NP phasing)
- Infrastructure constraints (sewer & habitat)
- Rural Landscape - version of ULPA

3.d. **Torquay NP pre-submission consultation.**

(i) Torquay's consultation period had now started and was running from 22 August to 3 October 2016. Their plan could be found on the website. The Forum liked the easy to read style and the inclusion of a non-technical summary within the Sustainability Assessment.

(ii) It was noted that some of the Local Green Spaces designations proposed had been included as 'Erratum'.

(iii) There was some overlap on their Policy maps 15 and 16 (Hollicombe Park area) as the boundary crossed over into Paignton's area.

(iv) It was also thought useful if Torquay Forum could express their housing development numbers in phases of 5 years as used in the Local Plan - this would aid future monitoring of all three Neighbourhood Plans.

(v) Policy H2 / Affordable homes - there was discussion on qualifying terms of residency. It was suggested that it should mean those residents living in Torbay for the relevant 5 years or alternatively, those who have been living or working in Torquay for the relevant 5 years.

(vi) The Chairman was asked to write a letter to Torquay Forum summarising these points.

3.e. **Revised Community Infrastructure Levy.**

(i) The previous modifications submitted for "Examination" have now been withdrawn by the Council and views on the Replacement Modifications are required by 17 Oct 2016. Full details were circulated with the agenda and are also on the Forum website.

(ii) In essence, the earlier concerns of the Forum to the L.A. and expressed by a letter dated 15 Apr 16 had not been taken fully into account. An important observation being that it was considered wrong not to charge CIL for all developments in Future Growth Areas. Following some discussion, it was agreed that for this and other reasons, the Forum would wish to be represented at any future CIL Hearing. The Chairman was asked to write to this effect to the L.A. and to attach a copy of the Forum's earlier letter dated 15 Apr 16.

(iii) David Pickhaver made members aware of a new planning document about to be published for formal consultation entitled 'Planning Objectives and Affordable Housing Supplementary Document' and agreed to speak on this at the October meeting.

AGENDA ITEM – 4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thu 20 October 2016 at 6.30pm in the Gerston Hall, Paignton with further dates for the year agreed as:

- Thu 17 Nov 2016
- Thu 15 Dec 2016

Additionally, members agreed to the following new dates for 2017:

- Thu 19 Jan 2017
- Thu 16 Feb 2017
- Thu 16 Mar 2017
- Thu 20 Apr 2017
- Thu 18 May 2017
- Thu 15 Jun 2017

The meeting closed at 20:45hrs