

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 20 April 2017

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In Attendance:

Jim Bonfield, Pam Bristow, Roger Bristow, Anne-Marie Curror, Ian Curror, Eileen Donovan, Lorna Gardner, Alan Hill, Helen Kummer, Maggie Loates, Leaf Lovejoy, Sam Moss, Melvyn Newbury, Richard Parish, Mike Parkes (Minutes), Ann Waite, Christine Watts, David Watts (Chairman), David Wotton.

Apologies:

Carole Box, Cllr Ian Doggett, John Gibson, Paula Hermes, David Pickhaver, Richard Stevens.

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. RP said that whilst he did not have an issue with the accuracy of the minutes, he referred to an earlier conversation he had had with the Chairman regarding protection of the ancient wood at Ramshill which he had hoped to raise at the last meeting. The Chairman explained that RCA and LGS proposals had been finalized following Forum discussion in depth, but RP was able to raise further proposals during the Reg14 consultation now underway. It had been the Forum's working practice to avoid 'AoB' matters and members were asked to ensure that items were notified to the Chairman or the Secretary for inclusion on the Agenda. This would help meetings keep to time and accorded with the inclusive approach operated whereby all Members were aware in advance of matters that would be discussed at the meetings. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 16 Mar17 were then agreed a true record. Proposed by Maggie Loates and seconded by David Wotton.

2.b. **Joint Plymouth and South West Devon Local Plan** - (Consultation closing date: 26 Apr 17). This is a combined plan that also includes the South Hams but excludes Dartmoor. The Chairman has attended two meetings. Most of the growth (70%) would be in Plymouth. There is concern in the SH area of a mismatch between predicted population growth and housing requirements. Policy SPT7 includes the phrase: "...to keep under review the potential for the future development needs of Torbay to be accommodated in parts of South Hams". Concerns raised included: the volume of new houses and lack of a 5-yearly trajectory, reference only to employment floorspace and lack of a jobs base figure, and the impact on biodiversity. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman consult with the Executive Committee on a draft letter of response. This would be posted on the Forum website for full membership comment before submission. (**Afternote:** this was duly circulated to all members on 23 Apr 17).

2.c. Government Housing White Paper - (Consultation deadline: 2 May 17). Using on-screen precis, DW the Chairman highlighted possible responses as being:

- doubts about ability of standardizing OAN by 2018
- concern that treating housing as more deliverable than jobs is not soundly based
- failing to recognize sufficiently the link between jobs and homes in spatial planning
- future NP assessment changes must not become mini LP EiP's and must not lose sight of the fundamental difference between NPs and LPs

Concerns raised by Members included:

- 50% of houses are being built on flood plains

- there is a need for green spaces to support new builds
- there are mental health concerns that revolve around insufficient community green spaces
- a feeling that Government is getting planning 'on the cheap' via Neighbourhood Plans.

It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman, in consultation with the Executive Committee, should submit a letter of response.

AGENDA ITEM – 3. PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS -

3.a. **Stage 3 Neighbourhood Plan.** The Chairman was able to show copies of the six printed documents that now comprise the Neighbourhood Plan. He was given a vote of thanks from those attending for all the work undertaken in the preparation and publication of these plan documents. DW reminded the meeting that the Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Consultation Period had now commenced and was running for the required 6 weeks from 19 Apr to 31 May 17 and in preparation the following had been completed or arranged:

- i) Written Executive Summary (3 pages)
- ii) Response Form (electronic – 5 questions + Hardcopy – 2 pages)
- iii) 3 sets at Information points (Library, Occombe, Clennon)
- iv) 17 drop-in sessions booked
- v) 78 letters sent to Forum members without email
- vi) 71 letters sent to all private owners of LGS sites
- vii) Herald Public Notice
- viii) All adjoining LA's & NPF's had been notified
- ix) All 3 Statutory SEA's notified
- x) Special notice to Network Rail & Dartmouth Steam Railway
- xi) Special notice email to BT (Crossways issue)
- xii) LPA has notified all on their consultation list
- xiii) CDT the same.

Additional posters were given out for members to display as appropriate with a request that the Chairman be kept informed of where they were being displayed.

It was noted that an article will be written for the 'Herald Express' to complement the official notice that had already been published.

DWn undertook to contact all the Paignton churches to alert them regarding the public information points and drop-in sessions.

3.b. **Submission of the Plan after the results are in:** The meeting was reminded that Reg 15(2) requires details of:

- i) Persons & bodies consulted
- ii) Explanation of how they were consulted
- iii) Summary of main issues & concerns raised
- iv) How these were considered and, where relevant, how they are addressed in the NP

All the above will be included in Part 3 of the Community Involvement & Consultation document. A Reg 15 target Submission date of 26 June 2017 was agreed, depending on the responses received.

AGENDA ITEM – 4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING The date of the next meeting is Thu 18 May 17 at 6.30pm in the Gerston Hall, Paignton with further dates previously agreed as:

- Thu 15 Jun 2017
- Thu 13 Jul 2017
- Thu 24 Aug 2017
- Thu 28 Sep 2017
- Thu 26 Oct 2017
- Thu 23 Nov 2017

The meeting closed at 20:50hrs