

# PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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## **MINUTES OF A FORUM & STEERING GROUP MEETING**

held in the Gerston Chapel Hall, Torquay Road, Paignton  
at 6.30pm Thursday 14 December 2017

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### **In Attendance:**

Jim Bonfield, Pam Bristow, Roger Bristow, Michael Clack, Ian Curror, Eileen Donovan, Lorna Gardner, John Gibson, Nan Ham, Alan Hill, Helen Kummer, Maggie Loates, Leaf Lovejoy, Jean Morris, Sam Moss, Richard Parish, Mike Parkes (Minutes), P. Walker, Christine Watts, David Watts (Chairman), David Wotton.

### **Apologies:**

Angela Ainscough, Anne-Marie Curror, Paula Hermes, David Pickhaver, Louise Thompson,

### **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. He especially thanked members for their involvement and commitment throughout a very busy 2017. 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 23 November 2017 were then agreed a true record. Proposed by Alan Hill and seconded by Maggie Loates.

2.b. As discussed and agreed at the last meeting on 23 Nov 17, the Chairman confirmed that the following correspondence had been sent:

i) **Letter re White Rock Lidl** supermarket planning application - P/2017/1019 (Minute 3.d.(i) ).

ii) **Letter re 'Inglewood'/White Rock 2** - P/2017/1133 (Minute 3.d(ii)). Following further discussion, it was noted that the original concept for 'Inglewood' had not included a primary school but this seemed to change when the Council voted against developing the 'Parkfield' site. It was further thought to be unfortunate that the L.A. had chosen to close the Chestnut Primary School, Brixham about 5 years ago. The site is now used for educational administrative purposes and also houses a small satellite specialist school. It is about 2 miles away from the proposed 'Inglewood' site!. It was noted that the proposed 'Inglewood primary School' had outline DfE approval subject to a timeline and justification of numbers. DW felt that there was a need to examine the demand for school places with the LPA in the New Year and to consider the most appropriate way to calculate the demand e.g. by an examination of Population Cohorts or School Role methods. Additionally, there was probably a need to examine how many pupils might need 'bussing in'.

### **AGENDA ITEM – 3. PROJECT PLAN PROGRESS - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SUBMISSION**

3.a. Forum and Area designation renewals.

i) The previously updated and amended PNF Constitution was effective now.

(ii) The Forum and Area Designations for Brixham Peninsular, Paignton and Torquay were approved at the Full Council Meeting on 7 Dec 17. (The Recorded Vote was 33 for; 0 against; 1 abstention (Chair); 2 absent). There was a high turnout of people in the 'Public Gallery' and DW thanked those who had attended and given their support. It was noted that whilst the Herald Express had reported on other points discussed at this particular Council Meeting, there had been no report on this Neighbourhood

Forum Agenda item! (**Afternote:** the Herald Express (in a specific item written by 'A Staff reporter') reported on this overlooked item a week later!). Such an application for this extension of 5 years was the first to be made successfully in the country and would ensure monitoring by the Neighbourhood Forums beyond the first LP review period. It was noted that the next NOMIS ONS employment review update would be published by Durham University in January 2018. It was felt that PNF ought to now consider formalising its 'Monitoring Role' and the Chairman asked that anyone interested in volunteering as a member should email him direct.

(iii) In addition to the already approved and published dates, the following PNF meeting dates were unanimously approved: the 26 Apr 18 and 31 May 18 and thereafter to follow monthly for the remainder of 2018.

3.b. Torquay and Brixham Regulation 16 consultations. The Chairman reminded the meeting that comments are for the attention of the Independent Assessor/Examiner (yet t.b.c.) and any comment should be sent before the deadline of 9am Monday 18 December 2017 via email to [neighbourhood.plans@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.plans@torbay.gov.uk). This same deadline also applies to Torbay Council and the TDA. As all three Neighbourhood Plans complement each other, it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman should write a letter of support for the other two submitted Neighbourhood Plans. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Independent Assessor/Examiner has to have experience of Neighbourhood Plans and not simply Local Plans!

3.c. Progress on Independent Assessor (IA) selection. Those attending expressed concern at the continued slow progress being made by Council officers in advertising and appointing an IA. This was despite supportive comments on a suggested draft 'Invitation to tender' sent by the 3 NF chairs. A draft contract used elsewhere had also been sent to assist officers. Because of a perceived lack of progress DW reported that he had also sent an email raising concerns at the ongoing delay. In an attempt to move things forward it was thought possible that officers might agree to a meeting on Wednesday 20 Dec 17. Although DW would be unable to attend, the vice Chairman, Alan Hill, had agreed to attend if the date was confirmed by Council officers.

3.d. Preparing for the next steps:

i) Appointment of IA: the Forum can ask the Secretary of State (SofS) to decide if agreement cannot be reached.

ii) Examination: the Forum can ask the SofS to intervene if LPA does not meet decision deadline(s) or if the LPA view differs to Examiners report. If the LPA wants to object then a 6 week consultation period is triggered.

iii) Referendum: this must be held within 56 working days (11 weeks) from decision to hold Referendum (or on a different date if agreed)

3.e. Recent Planning Applications relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan:

(i) Land at Woodview Rd, Whiterock ( 2 x B2 units). (P/2017/1042). Being treated as a "Departure" with HRA implications. Whilst expressing support for such employment opportunities, some concern was expressed regarding possible undeclared future development in this area and not made clear in the LP, e.g. why had a 'road hammerhead' been created by the side of a field. MP to report back with appropriate photographs.

(ii) Half Moon PH 188 Torquay Rd (Fitness use ?) (P/2017/1118). Noted.

(iii) Bishops Place. Temporary Education Offices. (P/2017/1140). Noted.

(iii) Eastern Esplanade Shelter. The proposal is to demolish and replace with a Snack Bar. (P/2017/1219). There was a unanimous vote for the Forum to submit a letter of objection as it conflicts with the Development Plan and has implications for health and safety i.e. no running water for washing up etc and no waste water discharge facility.

(iv) 336 Totnes Rd (Temporary car storage area and owned by BMW) (P/2017/1031). Appears to be a retrospective application. Noted.

(v) Land at the end of Pines Rd (10 dwellings) (P/2017/1215). 3 already granted in 2008. Noted.

**AGENDA ITEM – 4. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** The date of the next meeting is Thu 25 January 2018 at 6.30pm in the Gerston Hall, Paignton with further dates agreed as:

Thu 22 February 2018

Thu 22 March 2018

Thu 26 Apr 2018

Thu 31 May 2018

The meeting closed at 20:20hrs.