

Minutes of Steering Committee No 42, Thursday 11th April 2024,

At The village Centre, Victoria Street, Englefield Green

6.30pm to 8.45pm

Present: Mike Kelly (Chair), Terry Barnett, Alan Sloan, Fred West, Erik Juul-Mortensen.
Guest: Joan Cauldwell

- 1) **Apologies for Absence;** Albert Jamieson, Melanie Frobisher Debi Hallett,
- 2) **Approval of Minutes of Meeting No 41 V1;** Approved
- 3) **Draft Code of Conduct;** Agreed to be reviewed before the AGM (due June)
- 4) **Declaration of personal interest in topics to be discussed;** none.
- 5) **Assignment of Responsibilities;** the draft of members responsibilities (attached) was considered and in general considered OK. Minor modifications are needed before it is published on the website, and this will be done when the website is re-established.
- 6) **Financial Report:** Fred presented the accounts. There are no more funds, it being the end of the financial year, remaining funds being returned to Locality. We are not able to claim any more grants from Locality as our Plan is now 'made'.
- 7) **Setting up a CIC;** it was agreed that Fred would set up a CIC on behalf of the Forum so that we can open a bank account and receive funds.
- 8) **Sourcing of Funds:** Alan will start identifying and listing out all possible sources of grants and free materials that could be approached to assist with the Projects. Once we have a bank account, Mike will approach Marisa for a modest amount that will allow us to continue as a committee.
- 9) **Website, Facebook etc.** Melanie will progress the obtaining of our membership list from Rob, and the establishment of a new web site. Once these are sorted out all will contribute to the pages required on the site.
- 10) **Projects arising from the Neighbourhood Plan**
 - a) Parking and Speed Limits; Alberts report is attached.
 - b) School Tree Planting. Tree planting at St Cuthberts School was successful. We need to build on this-Melanie to issue a press release as soon as possible when the photos of the planting are issued by the School.
 - c) New Trees project. Mike will liaise with the new group planting wild flowers to see if we can progress hedgerows and trees along roadsides through them. Mike will produce a scope of works for the remaining greening projects and then we will approach them and see if we can work together.
 - d) Forest Estate Garden Project. Ditto (c)
 - e) Central Area remodelling and signage. Majority of design and method statement work done.
 - f) Refurbishment of Public Footpath in Bagshot Road (opposite Fletcher's Garage) running down to Blays Lane. Considered to be of secondary importance for now.

- g) Village Shop Outreach. Mike contacted Nick Day who says that he can't help other than perhaps allowing local artists to exhibit in the Savill Building. He felt that if he did help he would have to help other communities.
Mike will continue to liaise with him on this and how he might be able to help with the Projects.

11) Planning;

- a) **Fairmont Tree Houses-** coming up for consideration by the Planning Committee possibly in April? Monitor!
- b) **Birchlands-**unsatisfactory e mail from RBC who seem to be washing their hands of it. Alan to continue to monitor
- c) **Barbara Clark House-** Alan in discussion with the buyers who have yet to conclude their purchase agreement with RBC. Alan monitoring
- d) **Others-** nothing of great significance.

12) AOB- none

13) Next Meeting- 9th May 2024, Village Centre

Draft Committee Member responsibilities

Mike Kelly- Chair, responsible for preparing project briefs, estimates, etc, for detailed review of problem planning applications, and for representing the Forum external meetings that are not directly relevant to another committee members responsibility.

Alan Sloane- Vice Chair, responsible for identifying and pursuing grants and funding for Forum operations and Projects and monitoring a number of specific long term 'problem' applications or permissions that may require intervention at a later date.

Fred West, Treasurer, responsible for maintaining the books, making payments, setting up and administrating CIO and/or Charitable organisation(s) where required.

Melanie Frobisher, Membership, Publicity and Press, responsible for maintaining and growing membership and communications to and from members, publicity (web site and Facebook), publicity and press articles on our activities.

Terry Barnett, Planning Matters, responsible for preliminary review and filtering of of planning applications and initial response to 'problem' applications, plus assistance to Debi regarding ecology where required

Erik Juul-Mortensen, Commercial relations, responsible for promoting commerce and business in Englefield Green Village, liaising with local businesses, publicity for the village and its assets and growing visitor numbers.

Debi Hallett, Ecological development, responsible for instigating and/ or undertaking the 'greening of Englefield Green Village through various tree, hedge and vegetation planting projects envisaged in the Placemaking document and the Ecology report.

Albert Jamieson, Traffic management, responsible for progressing traffic management schemes, including speed limits, physical reconfiguration of roads, parking measures, cycle way development.

NOTE TO EGVNPF STEERING COMMITTEE APRIL 11TH, 2024

AGENDA ITEM - PARKING AND SPEED LIMITS PROJECTS

Update further to the March meeting note, mainly for awareness, the governance of agreeing to the Parking Review objection wording dealt with by prior email.

PARKING ; Actions from previous meetings are now all completed, possible access to the c.46K from RH s106 being pursued (slowly) through Cllr Marisa Heath – may be able to intercept her at the surgeries on April 13th. Two further PPP coordinating meetings have taken place focused on delivering Phase 1 - Problem Definition and Situational Factors; and is on track for making submissions to the SCC Runnymede Parking Review Englefield Green 2024/25 (Inputs Stage 1) by the deadline of Nov 29th 2024. Some interesting critique of the council's survey commissions of the past 15y is emerging from one of the group, and amongst the list of Situational Factors some surprising discussions on the part the proliferation of drop-kerbs has on robbing roads of their on-street parking.

Responses to the Objections to the SCC Runnymede Parking Review Englefield Green 2023/24 (Advertising and Objections Stage 3) are awaited.

Updating the Project Centre Ltd. 2021 report – they have submitted a preliminary draft proposal for the measurement and observation work. This is merely a “strawman” starting point for on passing to the councillors to help the process along including sourcing money to pay for it (see above)! This has been passed on to Cllrs Heath, Berardi and Gates as a first step – Heath is the key one as it is a SCC issue.

With our website having been offline no communique on the PPP has been sent to members but this is still planned.

SPEED LIMITS; In the coming months our focus will be on following up on our SCC Vision Zero submissions on our 4 areas of interest (Priest Hill, St Jude's, Prune Hill and A30) with more detailed submissions. These have to dovetail with our NP and Placemaking Report, SCC LTP4 and SCC LCWIP and their RBC derivatives, over 500 pages of bureaucracy. This research is time consuming but necessary.

As an example, the A30 from Virginia Water to the Egham/Staines roundabout is No. 1 on the list of the county's high priority projects in the LCWIP. This was formulated in 2021 with a 10y horizon and we may already have missed the first round of inputs to it, so how we engage with them from now on is being explored as it goes into a Feasibility Study phase.

Meeting about RH cycle track parallel to A30 being arranged for in term time.

I had replies from both school heads and have subsequently secured an exploratory meeting with only St Cuthbert's next week about the possibility of 20MPH zones.

Various issues per above to be raised at Councillors surgeries April 13th.

Per: Albert Jamieson, EGVNF Steering Committee, 10/4/24