

Minutes of Steering Committee No 49, Wednesday 13th November 2024,

At The village Centre, Victoria Street, Englefield Green, 6.30pm to 8.30 pm

Present: Mike Kelly (Chair), Alan Sloan, Fred West, Albert Jamieson, Debi Hallett, Melanie Frobisher, Terry Barnett, Tanja Rodenburg.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence;** Erik Juul-Mortensen
- 2) **Approval of Minutes of Meeting No 47;** Approved
- 3) **Formal vote to appoint Tanja Rodenburg to the committee per Constitution clause 4(n);** Unanimously agreed by show of hands by the committee.
- 4) **Declaration of personal interest in topics to be discussed;** none.
- 5) **Accounts;** Minor funds received into our EG Community Projects fund from Surrey CC that will cover most expenses incurred recently and for the next 6 to 9 months. Expenses for setting up EG Community Projects, for re-establishing our web site, and money kindly deposited by Fred to tide us over before these funds were obtained were all approved by the committee.
- 6) **Application for re designation of the Forum;** No news, but documents submitted are deemed adequate by RBC Planning Dept, and the process of redesignation has apparently been started. MFK to check.
- 7) **Website, Facebook, Membership.** The web site is up and running again and has been updated by Mike. A discussion ensued regarding increasing membership and Melanie agreed to prepare a plan of action. It was agreed that any action will take place in the new year, possibly in conjunction with the planned second Parking survey. Melanie will also keep the Facebook page updated.
- 8) **Projects arising from the Neighbourhood Plan**
 - a) **Transport Hub.** Marisa Heath reported that the head of Highways had held a meeting with his officers and looked at our proposals and broadly agreed that they fitted with Surrey Highways strategy for transport development. Still no news on whether we can discuss this further with them or on timing and we will continue to press for this. MFK to contact Marisa Heath.
 - b) **Bond Street Hedges.** Disappointment that despite Surrey CC agreeing to fund and carry out the planting and 3 years maintenance, RBC refused to allow it on their land. At Andreas suggestion a meeting with the new Parks and Green Spaces manager, at RBC, Justin Sanders, has been arranged for tomorrow lunch time in the Village Centre, and there is hope that the project can be revived (albeit later than planned) following this meeting.
 - c) **Other tree projects-** no comments
 - d) **Forest Estate Garden Project-** still in abeyance.
 - e) **Parking:** Albert reported that door to door enquiries have been completed and analysis is under way.
 - f) **Speed Limits and One Way systems.** Nothing further to add re speed limits, though it would be good if we could be kept up to date on progress. One-way systems still need pushing. Alan is getting no response from Surrey Highways on this matter but will keep trying.

- a) **The A30, Liveable neighbourhoods, National Cycling route 4;** All will need monitoring, and we will need to keep a high profile with the relevant Authorities to ensure that these items stay or are brought to the top of the pile in the Surrey CC Highways 'to do' list. MFK to contact Xavier Brice now that the Birchlands planning application is approved, as this includes a controlled pedestrian crossing across St Judes Road at the junction with Barley Mow Road and this needs to be upgraded to include cycles so that the National Route 4 can be rerouted through the village.

9) Planning;

- a) Fairmont tree houses- Previous application withdrawn and a new one submitted- RU.24/
- b) Birchlands- Regretfully passed by Surrey CC committee without reference to our comments
- c) Barbara Clark House- Still nothing seems to be happening at the moment.
- d) Oaklands driveway. This is a new one that has just come in, involving an extensive new drive through greenbelt and needs investigating. No reference number received yet.
- e) RHUL access road and pedestrian Bridge. Albert and Melanie attended a successful meeting with Louise Waters on this subject yesterday and made a number of constructive points regarding the application in relation to the Parking situation in EG. LW was given a copy of Tanjas report on parking and asked that it was also passed to Georgina Pacey

10) AOB-

11) Next Meeting- 12th December 2024