

Minutes of Steering Committee No 55, Thursday 12th June 2025,

At Kitewood, Wick Road EG, 6.30pm to 9.00 pm

- 1) **Present:** Mike Kelly (Chair), Alan Sloan, Erik Juul-Mortensen, Melanie Frobisher, Terry Barnett
- 2) **Apologies for Absence;** Albert Jamieson, Fred West
- 3) **Welcome to the Committee;** Debbie Bates
- 4) **Farewell to Terry Barnett.** Note; It was decided by the Committee after the meeting to appoint Terry as an 'Honorary Committee Member' a position that has no obligations other than to provide advice when the member considers it would contribute.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes of Meeting No 54;** Approved
- 6) **Declaration of personal interest in topics to be discussed;** none.
- 7) **Accounts;** No movement. It is anticipated that Marisa Heath will approve our application for funds shortly but that any remaining funds from the previous grant would need to be returned. Fred to submit a 'final account' to Surrey CC.
- 8) **a) Membership.** No comments beyond what was said in the last meeting. the Central Area project is moving forward so we should get good advertising on the back of that, and we should be preparing for that now.
- 9) **b) Volunteers.**
As last month;
 - i) 'Tree and Hedges' committee member- no response to circular.
 - ii) Someone to redesign the web site is needed
 - iii) Ideally a Secretary is needed, so the Chair does not have to act as Secretary, as is happening at the moment.**c) Fund Raising-** As last month
d) Commercial: Brief for liaising with and organising our local businesses into a 'Chamber of Commerce' so we can promote their needs and seek funding to improve footfall was discussed and Eric will pursue this .
Infrastructure Development Schedule-As last month
- 10) **NDHA update.** Prior to the meeting an update report had been circulated on 8 June (copy attached). In summary of the 123 entries assessed 76 had been accepted and 47 excluded. Of the 47 excluded 3 entries are covered and therefore protected by the National Trust (Jurors Chair, Indian Memorial and Writ in Water) and another 3 entries covering 12 assets (Coopers Hill Lane villas - 9 houses) are covered by being in a Conservation area. So on basic numbers the success rate was some 62% and if those assets protected by other means are taken into account then it rises to almost 67%

Finally one entry was added by Place Services (Boilerhouse Theatre in Egham Hill – formerly an electrical lighting plant

So in summary the list going forward to RBC Planning Committee for approval consists of 77 entries covering 117 individual assets.

11) English Devolution White Paper. Our application to form a Parish Council is ‘in the system’ with RBC and will be presented to the Governance Committee shortly. This first stage simply either approves or disapproves that the applications proceed through the various stages

12) Projects arising from the Neighbourhood Plan

- a) **Parking: 2025 Parking Review submission** - (reclaiming 15 or so spaces in the Pilot Project area etc.) has now been in the Authorisation Phase (2 of 5) for over 6 months, which is noted as exceptionally long. They were authorised and signed off a month ago, so presumably it's other Runnymede or Surrey submissions holding up the moving of everything to Phase 3 (Advertisement).
- b) **CPZ application** - once the above moves to Phase 3 Peter Wells (SCC Parking Manager) has promised to turn his attention to our CPZ and there will be a meeting with us and him in due course.
- c) **Speed Limits and One Way systems.** No news on the 20mpg review
- d) **The A30, Liveable neighbourhoods, National Cycling route 4;** No news
- e) **Transport Hub.** Continued back and forth with Surrey CC on the S278 but progress is being made to resolve the sticking points.
- f) **Bond Street Hedges.** No progress. A petition will be raised.
- g) **Other tree projects**- no comments
- h) **Forest Estate Garden Project**- still in abeyance.

13) Planning;

- a) Birchlands- Mike to remind Xavier Brice re the St Judes road crossing.
- b) Barbara Clark House- The site is now on the market. It would appear that RBC have spent considerable sums on this project which now appear wasted. Should we be writing to RBC on this matter?
- c) **Various** – the meeting with RBC Planning Policy planned for tomorrow has regrettably been postponed. RU.25/0256, RU.22/0463, RU.24/1696, RU.24/0931 and RU.24/0932 are on the agenda as well as a 3-year statutory review of the SPD concerning PBSA Parking that RBC adopted in 2022, using as justification the report it commissioned from Project Centre Ltd., which we have critiqued.

14) AOB-

Action left from previous meetings; Meeting with Windsor Park; Mike would try and set up a meeting with Nick Day.

Reminder (again) that there is the £100,000 CIL money from the N4 cycle route improvements to consider!

15) Next Meeting- 10th July 2025

Update on NDHA's for EGVNF Steering Committee meeting on 12 June 2025

I have received an update from Mike Corbett at RBC on the eight properties whose owner's made representations that they should be removed from the list.

These are the comments from David Sorapure BA Hons MCIfA, Built Heritage Consultant of Place Services, Essex County Council who has undertaken the review.

To assist I have highlighted the name of the property and preliminary findings:

- **Town Green Farm (24/036)** – The entry has been amended to remove references to an C18 date for the core of the building. However, the house still has clear architectural and aesthetic interest. We are aware of the owner's opinion (we met her on-site and I understand she has been in contact with you). **At present, my opinion is that the house, along with the gatehouse should remain on the local list.**
- **The Bailiwick (24/074)** – I revisited the site and reviewed to owner's comments, but there was no additional information that would suggest the building should be removed from the list. **Likely to remain included**
- **10 Alexandra Road (24/002)**. Having visited the site and reassessed the building, along with information regarding changes and materials provided by the owner, **I agree this entry should be removed from the list.**
- **Gatehouses, Fairmont Windsor Hotel (West Lodge and Middle Lodge) (24/011)**. We visited the site, which allowed us a thorough look at the East Lodge (which had not been possible during the desktop survey) – **I agree that it is of sufficient architectural and aesthetic interest to be included along with west and middle lodges.**
- **Ham Lane Cottage (24/027)** Having visited the site, the historic association with Dell Park Estate is clear from the building's setting (it is in a quiet and undeveloped spot, on a minor entry drive to the former estate), as is its historic function as an estate workers cottage. The building is relatively simple and unadorned, but characteristic of its period and function. However, windows have been replaced with modern units. It does have aesthetic qualities and draws a lot from its setting. – **I will be chatting to colleagues about this one at a team meeting shortly, as I am still on the fence.**
- **The Sun Inn and adjoining stable block (24/069)** – **I will be recommending The Sun Inn remains on the local list along with its former stables.** The building's function has changed, yet it still retains legibility as a former public house and has architectural and aesthetic value.
- **Wick Cottage (24/073)** – **I'm likely to endorse its retention on the list**, however, given the planning history cited by the owner, I will also run this one past colleagues at a team meeting.
- **Sandylands and Sandylands Cottage (24/077)**. Sandylands was set far back from the public highway, down a private drive, so unfortunately, we were unable to gain access close to the building. However, the comments from the owner don't provide solid reasons for it not to be included. **I will amend the entry to clarify its**

associations and group value etc, but at the moment my thoughts are that this entry should remain on the list.

It's disappointing that 10 Alexandra Road (the former Jolly Sandboy public house) is to be removed from the list but if that's the only one then overall a very good outcome.

Mike Corebett has advised that, unfortunately, finalising the report will be delayed as David Sorapure is a witness in a public inquiry and not in a position to complete his report. As things stand currently, he thinks it will be the September Planning Committee before final approval is given.

Alan Sloan

8 June 2025