

Meeting: Monday 20 May 2019

<b>Present:</b>  Kirstin Richardson George Maccoy Dave Hutchinson Joe Thompson Delia McNally Miriam Hardie Grahame Tobin Susan Lawrence Howard Lawrence Judith Dennington Thomas Dennington Brian Navi Peter Alderslade Yvonne Alderslade Sue Balmer	<b>Apologies:</b>  Cllr Joan Atkinson Cllr Jane Carter Jane Howarth Lesley Younger Alan Younger Phil Payne Viv Davies Roy Welburn Merv Butler
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## Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting were approved by members present.

## Welcome from the Chair:

Kirstin welcomed members to the meeting.

## Matters arising.

### Finance:

Grahame explained problems arising from rules surrounding Locality grants. EBNF has had to pay back funds unspent and must reapply in the next round of applications. We will apply for two amounts of general funding and payment for the consultant. We will have to cover costs of this meeting ourselves and will take the risk to print leaflet for next event on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Funding has previously been paid to the Council, but we should now be paid directly. Funding after application takes up to 15 days to process. At present, we have £400 in our account.

### Action:

- *Jane to send in application this week*

### Sewerage:

Following information given by Bob Latimer, Howard has gleaned more details about sewer records and sewers available for new housing.

### Action:

- *Bob Latimer to be invited to next full forum meeting*

**Meeting with residents of The Grange:**

George has spoken to the Warden of The Grange who will email Dave with possible dates and times.

**Letter from Council to residents of Railway Cottages, Tilesheds**

Judith and Tom Dennington were welcomed to the meeting. They were representing residents of Railway Cottages at Tilesheds, who had received a letter from the Council, asking for permission to conduct a survey on private land at the cottages. Surveyors arrived before residents had time to respond. Residents are concerned that no information has been given to them about plans relating to the level crossing near their homes. Trevor Male has mentioned the possibility of a bridge over the metro line at some time in the future. 5 years ago, then councillor, Margaret Melling also spoke about the plan, but nothing further has been raised until now. Residents are concerned. Tom has sent an email to Lee McGuigan at the Council, to ask why the cottages are involved in the survey. It was noted that forum members are disappointed that we have not been kept abreast of proposals, although regular meetings with the Council are scheduled.

**Action:**

- *Secretary to raise matter urgently with the Council at the next scheduled meeting.*

**Planning for next consultation event:**

Planning for the fourth consultation event on June 22<sup>nd</sup> will address remaining objectives i.e. well-being, the built environment, local economy, flooding and drainage. Leaflets will be distributed to 1800 homes and businesses in the forum area. Questionnaires will be drafted to support writing of policies for the neighbourhood plan. A new batch of Phil Payne's photographs is available for display.

Discussion surrounded the need to draft leaflets and questionnaires which will encourage maximum engagement from the community. Although 126 questionnaires were completed at the last consultation event, only 56 housing needs surveys have been received. People should be reminded of the online link.

**Action:**

- *Leaflet to be submitted to the printer by the end of May and printed by 7<sup>th</sup> June.*
- *Posters advertising the event to be displayed in the Library and in other prominent places.*
- *Roy to invite well-being groups to attend the event.*
- *Exec to meet consultant on 28<sup>th</sup> May for advice on questionnaire.*

**AOB:**

It was decided that the next forum meeting would concentrate on Design Code.

Date of next meeting: Monday 17 June 2019 at 7.30 pm in Scout Hut

Meeting closed 9.00 pm