

Minutes of Ixworth & Ixworth Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Meeting held on Wednesday 26th August 2020 at 7.30pm (Via Zoom)

Documents Previously Distributed to Members

Previous Minutes

Notes from meeting of Nick Cross & Chairman

Notes from meeting with Ben, Stephen, and Chris Bowden (Navigus Consultant)

NPWG Magazine Article

Present – Ben Birrell (Chairman), Stephen Mann (Vice Chairman), Neil Phillips, John Rowe, Terry Lilley, Nick Laughton & Michael Jones

Also present– Mandy Adlington (Clerk)

The Chairman started the meeting by welcoming back Nick Laughton to the group.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Jan Boyd.

2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

It was agreed by all present that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting, held virtually on Wednesday 5th August 2020.

3. Matters Arising

The members of the group requested if the minutes and notes to accompany the meetings could be sent to them sooner so there was more time to digest the information contained in them. The Clerk stated she would in the future.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman updated the group on the following:

A meeting had been held between me, Stephen and Chris Bowden from Navigus just to discuss what stage the plan is at and the next steps forward. Chris agreed the next step would be to ascertain information from the developers what they could deliver in infrastructure for the Parish if their site allocations were included within the Neighbourhood Plan. Once that had been established then this information could be put in a public consultation for the residents to express their opinion on what may be delivered in development were to happen.

An informal meeting had been held with Nick Cross of SW Cross & Sons. The meeting was in form of an introduction for the Chairman to meet Nick face to face (socially distanced) and discuss the next stage of discussions. It was suggested that another meeting be held for Cross & Sons to explain to the group what infrastructure they could deliver, if their requested site allocations were to be considered for the NP. As stated above this would then be put in a consultation for the Parish to comment on. The developer is willing to attend any consultation and answer any questions the NPWG would not be able to and could also provide presentation material for the consultation.

It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting and Nick, Jan, Ben and Stephen would attend and then bring information back to the group.

The Chairman stated that there had been some confusion over the possibility of a new village hall being part of the infrastructure that could or may be delivered if the Landri8dge development were to go ahead. A new village hall was still a possibility depending if the Parish felt this was something they wanted.

5. Schooling

Stephen informed members of the group that SET Ixworth School were still hoping, in the future, to open their sporting and education facilities to all the community. Stephen felt there should be some mention with the NP document on education and its facilities. Stephen requested if he could start discussions with the school and share with them the section already written on education. It was agreed by all present that Stephen could share that section and discuss with the school if it could have further comment made in the section.

It was agreed Stephen would arrange a meeting once the meeting with S W Cross had been arranged.

Stephen also gave a brief update on the Jiggins Charitable Trust in relation to the playing fields and the current restrictions of the land.

6. Any Other Business

Mike requested that an area for a new youth club be kept in everybody's mind as such a facility was sadly lacking in the community.

It was agreed also to look at funding projects around the Parish in the future, though this may not be something for the NPWG.

7. Confirm Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the next meeting would be held virtually on Monday 5th October at 7.30pm. The report in the magazine had invited anyone interested to attend

Actions

Arrange a meeting with S W Cross & Sons	Mandy
Meeting to discuss school options further	Stephen
Discussion on Housing Needs Survey to take back to PC on their agenda	Clerk

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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Signed

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Date