

# Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan

27 May, 2021

## Minutes of Monthly Forum Meeting

### Present:

John Pyle	(JP) Chairman	Robert Bates	(RB)
Nicola Bates	(NB)	Gill Morgan	(GM)
Andrew Tyley	(AT)	James Periton	(JDP)
Harmohan Dhanjal	(HD)		

Welcome and Absentees – John Pyle	<p>Apologies received from John Tenconi and Carol Manduca. Email received from David Coen, the new appointed VW Councillor, was unable to attend this meeting however would like to receive invitation to the next meeting.</p> <p>HP to send out previous meeting Minutes to Forum for approval.</p>
Planning Applications – James Periton	<p>For Period 18 February 2021 to 26 May 2021, there has been a total of 63 applications received, which were mainly non-contentious applications.</p> <p>x45 relate to single dwellings. (25 are for alterations, extensions, new build; 20 are for discharge of planning conditions of single dwellings)</p> <p>x3 Refused all related to single dwellings</p> <p>x2 Withdrawn</p> <p>x2 TPO tree applications</p> <p>x11 relate to Others (5 relate to discharge of previous planning conditions)</p> <p>Of note are;</p> <p>An application has been submitted for Padd Farm, Hurst Lane (RU.21/0695) for x54 affordable dwellings and SANG space (the Neighbourhood Plan forum are aware of and dealing with as a separate issue).</p> <p>The application for the Land at Whitehall Farm ‘Cemex’ (RU21/0597) Extraction of gravel etc has been submitted (Currently 44 letters of representation) (the Neighbourhood Plan forum are aware of and dealing with as a separate issue).</p> <p>Other applications to mention are;</p> <p>i) Home Farm, Stroude Road – discharge of conditions but relates to RU.17/1728 for the erection of x10 new dwellings – so indications are they intend to start.</p> <p>ii) Wentworth Estate 1) relocation (20m) of a barrier on Abbey Road - pending. 2) Installation of gate on West Drive – consented</p> <p>iii) Whitehall Place – the installation of 2 gates - pending</p> <p>iv) American Community School – erection of outdoor amphitheatre - pending</p> <p>v) Packers Surgery – discharge of conditions and minor alterations – indications are they intend to start (subject to NHS funding)</p>

	<p>One application refused for a telephone mast at VWFC car park.</p>
Chairman's Report – John Pyle	<p><b>Judith Vaughan</b> has created the section to do the history of Virginia Water, which will make up part of the summary of the final plan.</p> <p>HP to send a copy of the draft document to Forum for feedback.</p> <p><b>Jill Williams</b>, who is the Chairlady of the Egham and Virginia Water Historical Society, has agreed to assist the Forum in analyzing the existing historical buildings in the area, currently 12 listed buildings in Virginia Water including Merlewood Care Home.</p> <p>Country wide listed buildings in Virginia water and then there's a series of locally listed ones. Mearlewood care home is one of those locally listed ones, and then to come up with some ideas that we can discuss. With regard to other buildings which have architectural merit that might need to be added to local listings, the Forum are able to make recommendations within the report.</p> <p><b>Valerie Pierce</b>, runs the rambling club in Virginia Water, she has agreed to identify required improvements on bridleways, footpaths and public rights of way.</p> <p>A plan was circulated prior to the meeting showing the core area of the village around the shops including the Doctors Surgery, the train station and the British Legion facility which the Forum need to focus on and give feedback to JP.</p> <p>NB suggested creating a small VW business centre offering office facilities as this is close to the station, with the rail from London and Reading.</p> <p>JP has a meeting with Ken Morgan, Chair of the Coronation Field Trust next week to discuss options for this area. It would seem some form of pedestrian crossing between the shops and the field would be an advantageous addition.</p> <p>JP requested approval to appoint PJA, Phil Jones Associates, Planning Consultants who will focus on a masterplan for both design and traffic study which will include an access and mobility report. Their costs will be £23,000 which we could reduce if we do research on their behalf.</p> <p>Funding will need to be requested from third party companies and associations, donations very welcome and fund raising activities may need to take place. JP has agreed to take a stall on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at the VW Jumble Trail to promote local awareness.</p> <p>JP would value the Forums thoughts on fund raising ideas.</p>
Accounts and Fund Raising	<p>HP confirmed bank balance is currently £146.00 with a funding agreement from RBC of an additional £5,000 to be spent against Planning Consultant which will cover for April and May consulting, and also in the process of applying for our next stage of funding from Locality which could be up to a further £10,000.</p>

	<p>The financial year end is 30<sup>th</sup> June, where Annual Accounts will need to be submitted.</p> <p>HP to send out the Income and Expenditure Account for the Forum to review. Directors to approve the final accounts.</p> <p>HP to issue accounts to Forum at each meeting to show up to date status.</p> <p>The Constitution states an AGM must be held within three months of the end of the financial year, therefore an AGM date to be agreed at the next meeting.</p>
AOB	Due to high costs of the Zoom account, further meetings will be held on Microsoft Teams.
Date of Next Meeting	Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July at 4pm.