

# Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan Forum Meeting

Via Zoom, 4 pm 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Present:**

John Pyle	(JP) Chairman	Robert Bates	(RB)
John Tenconi	(JT)	Cllr. Jonathan Hulley	(JH)
Andrew Tyley	(AT)	Nicola Bates	(NB)

Topic	Minutes
<b>Welcome &amp; Received Apologies</b>	Received apologies James Periton, Harmohan Dhanjal, Prof. Philip Beesley, Carol Manduca
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	<p>JP approved the Minutes from the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September and NB seconded (on behalf of RB who was in attendance)</p> <p>Resignation as Company Secretary has been received from Gill Morgan. JP requested a volunteer to take up this position to come forward.</p>
<b>Chairman's Report</b>	<p><b><u>O'Neill Homer</u></b>            Following on from receipt of the first draft of the Design Code document, JP has received feedback from forum members. Core members to discuss further as soon as possible.</p> <p><b><u>Phil Jones Associates</u></b>            Following PJA's visit to the village, which was joined by JP and JDP where the Estate was walked and the connections from the Estate to the central area were looked at in great details with ideas and thoughts being discussed.</p> <p>Their Village Centre Concept Design report will be sent through by the beginning of December to JP who will circulate amongst the core group for further discussion.</p> <p>The connection issues within the village need to be discussed further for the most suitable solutions, and the Forum need to look at the issues of the Local Plan and how those development sites that might connect in a non-vehicular way to the central core area.</p> <p>Surrey County Council have employed ARUP engineers to review pathways/cycleways across the County and PJA have been put in touch with them to discuss the Virginia Water area.</p> <p>JP confirmed he has had a meeting with PJA and the two planners from Runnymede Borough Council responsible for the Neighbourhood Planning projects. PJA gave a brief presentation to the Planners of the village showing the core area and around the two parades of shops including the link between the shops, station, Coronation Field and the connection across Christchurch Road etc.</p> <p>RBC have requested they are kept advised, as they themselves are looking at the revision with the Local Plan.</p>

	<p>Next public Consultation will be likely to be held in the Spring 2022.</p> <p>JP met with a resident who lives on Christchurch Road, who had raised concerns through Wentworth Residents Association regarding the connections crossing Christchurch Road to the Church, and the general volumes and speeds of traffic within the village. The resident indicated would be interested to be kept informed and would consider joining the Forum. JP to keep in contact.</p> <p>JP confirmed, Nigel Moss, who is a committee colleague of the Wentworth Residents Association, will be joining the forum in strategically assisting with the bringing together of the Plan.</p>
<p><b>Design Code Content</b></p>	<p>Following on from the receipt of the draft Design Codes report, AT would be interested in exploring further options in supporting the reuse of buildings, by relaxing some of the constraints that are currently applied to new builds.</p> <p>Such that there would be an actual difference between what would be expected of what a new build would provide in terms of offsets to that of extending existing buildings.</p> <p>AT suggested that the NP review and if necessary, give guidance in terms of constraints of development in supporting the reuse of buildings over new builds in trying to protect the character of the village, minimise disruption, but also for issues of carbon and of sustainable items, this would need to work alongside and in conjunction with the Permitted Development guidelines.</p> <p>Cherry Hill is a listed property on the Wentworth Estate, the Design Code report needs amendment to correctly reflect this.</p>
<p><b>Finances</b> <b>John Pyle</b></p>	<p>JP confirmed finances remain healthy at £29,799.30 which includes £5,000 received from the Club, and an additional £5,000 of funding available at Runnymede County Council which expires in March 2022, in addition to this £800 has been raised from residents via JustGiving donations.</p> <p>JP wished to be recorded in the Minutes to show his appreciation to all residents who made donations which has been very well received and will be spent correctly in achieving a successful and sustainable plan for Virginia Water.</p> <p>Jon Dowty is keen to speak with the core group regarding the additional element under the Environmental Act covering the new green nature recovery section. A steering meeting to be set up to cover this.</p>

<b>Any Other Business</b>	<p>There were no updates available regarding the leisure facilities Application on Longside Lake.</p> <p>Padd Farm Application has been amended from 54 affordable homes with SANG, to 38 homes with paddocks, this Application for comment closes 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.</p> <p>Padd Farm – PHD Scaffolding Company - The Application is now closed and will be under review in the next few weeks.</p> <p>AT asked if there had been any updates from South West Rail on the design of the station? As he had noticed there were notices up at the Station asking commuters to volunteer to help redesign the station if they had concerns. AT offered to explore his own business contacts at Network Rail to see whether he could find the relevant individual to open discussions with.</p> <p>JP to liaise with Cllr. Jonathan Hulley to ascertain if he is aware of anything regarding this.</p> <p>Next meeting is the AGM which is to be held at <u>4pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022</u> via Zoom. RB to upload announcement onto the website giving the appropriate notice period to the public.</p> <p>No further business items were raised, and the meeting was closed.</p>
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