



LAWRENCE WESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLANNING GROUP THURSDAY 29th April 2021 - 7PM
ZOOM MEETING

- **Welcome, apologies and introductions - Chair**

Attending: Mark Pepper (MP-ALW), Roger Sabido (RS-resident), Tara Baker (TB1 – Minutes), Iain Stevens (IS), Cllr Jo Sergeant, Jackie Crouch (JC-resident), Cllr Don Alexander, Val Popischill (VP), Daphne Chikwere (DC)

Apologies Anne Hawker, Mike Crouch (MC-resident James Black (JB-resident). Cllr Malias, Terry Brooker, Tim Leaman (TL)

- **Minutes and matters arising of the last meeting –**

- After a discussion and clarification about Aisha's (BCC Energy Network) statement and another point about, A.O.B the funds for works to Ridingleaze
Minutes were Approved - IS & RS
- There was recently a CIL area committee meeting held regarding available funding - Avon Youth Club have applied

- **Giant Goram – Cllr Jo Sergeant**

- ALW granted £240 for Plunket membership fee and ringfenced a further £750 for the GG Steering Group's other ad hoc fees which arise
- GG Group has now applied for £2.5k bursary from Plunkett to pay for valuations, registrations, memberships etc, application has been accepted
- Group continue to receive lots of support from the Plunkett Foundation
- Community Benefits Society(CBS)/Bencom is being set up
- Asset of Community Value(ASV) has now been re-instated to GG pub
- The Government have opened up a pot of £1.5 million funding for community pubs which we can apply for up to £250k funding

- There is a Community ran pub in Brighton, The Bevy. The group are building a relationship with them and hope to visit and speak with the owners as the group are planning a similar set up
- **Wind Turbine**
 - Supplier for the Turbine will be Enercon
 - Interviews with contraction companies were held, x4 were considered (Forkers, Green Cat, Mike Brown, Robert Cole) final decision to go with Nights Brown due to costs and experience
 - Going through all conditions which need to be met for planning to be complete
 - Power Purchase Agreement (PPA – who will buy the power) is being discussed with BCC - BCC have agreed to re look at their providers including ACE CIC WT
 - Also talks with Southmead Hospital whom spend 6 million on electric per year
 - Our solicitor, Womble Bond Dickinson, ALW and ACE have been nominated for a planning award for which is quite a success with in the planning industry
- **Astry Planning Application – MP**
 - We went to committee and it was unanimous vote to go ahead with the planning application pending conditions for the project and reject the planning officer's recommendation for refusal
 - Arranging steering group meeting with Brighter Places (were United Communities), its just a case of handing over to Brighter Places now so they can go on and start building, Tom Beale – Project Manager will co-ordinate the meeting
- **Community Hub Update – MP**
 - 29/3/21 held a day of interviews for x4 constructors to build the hub, in total 3 tenders considered. The sub group looked into the tenders with a fine tooth comb and have recommended we go with the company called Beards; subject to contracts being agreed as a design and build scheme so we can keep control of the finances.
 - Beards were not the cheapest but have great experience in building community hubs and buildings and costs fit into our budget. Mark has asked approval to use Beards to build the Hub as recommended by the Sub Group – **APPROVED - ALL**
 - Planning permission seem to be going well, had a couple of issues arise
 - we found 1 adult slow worm and 2 baby ones on the site – this could potentially delay the project. We need to relocate the slow worms but the sites the council use to relocate are at full capacity. BCC have requested we provide a habitat for the slow worms, this would cost approx. £9000. We are looking into other locations with advice from ecologists
 - Lidl's carpark retaining wall which is next to the hub, it has been suggested this wall has not been built substantially enough to build the hub on top. We are trying to go through planning to reinforce the wall so it meets our needs. We will have to look into a party wall

agreement, which may incur extra costs. We are challenging the council for these works as they have provided us with this bit of land to build on which is we can't build on as the wall needs enforcing

- The BCC and RC funds cannot be released until planning permission is secured
- We have ring fenced £100,000 of the £146k ALW - Power to Change funding, with intention to find further funding
- Aim's for the Hub's build to be complete by Winter 2022

- **5 Ways Bungalow**

- Cllr Jo Sergeant to chase information on plans with the building – we are trying to identify Kelly Thomas Replacement who will be able to advise us of this

- **AOB**

- Elections for Bristol City Mayor, WECA Mayor, Police and crime commissioner and Local Councillors are held at the Youth Centre 6th May 2021
 - Caple Rd, Astry close has lots of fly tipping, some containing harmful items such as asbestos and propane cylinder
 - View the City Tool by the BCC City Design Team have started to use this to assess planning applications– Investigate if we can use this tool to look at new plans of buildings
 - Don Alexander suggested speaking with Wilmot Dickinson for social value
 - There maybe plans to turn the bookmakers along Ridingleaze into a takeaway, however we have a restriction of takeaways with in our NDP. How can we communicate with the owner before he changes to another takeaway – Don Alexander advised ALW speak to the Owner to confirm plans, then speak further with Don Alexander to see what we can do next
 - Roger (RS) suggested arranging x2 meetings a year with the BCC planning department so we discuss any upcoming plans in LW in accordance with our NDP
 - Issues /complaints around the construction around the Water Lillie's Site, bad communications between the developers and the residents
 - Bollard on Riddingleaze has been pulled out – Iain (IS) will report
 - Hedge has been removed opposite the Youth centre, by the Bus stop – We believe BCC have removed it and left it in bad and dangerous condition – ALW to investigate why removed and left in such state
 - Daphne has spoken with residents around Badenhams Grove, Barrowmead drive and Windcliffe Crescent who have expressed the need for a local shop

Next meeting

@ LWYC Via zoom or Face to face TBC

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Thursday 27th May 2021