



LAWRENCE WESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLANNING GROUP THURSDAY 29^h July 2021 - 7PM
ZOOM MEETING

Welcome, apologies and introductions - Chair Mark Pepper

Attending: Mark Pepper (MP-ALW), Tara Baker (TB1 – Minutes), Iain Stevens (IS), Sue Stevens (SS), Jackie Crouch (JC-resident), Cllr Don Alexander, Daphne Chikwere (DC), Paul Goldsworthy (PG), Jim Black (JB), Norman Laity (NL)

Apologies Val Popischill (VP), Anne Hawker (AH)

Minutes and matters arising of the last meeting – MP

- Matters Arising – Email issues are now resolved
- BMX Track – Cllr Don Alexander has emailed BCC to try and speed things up to no avail. Open space consultation which is required before we can obtain the lease can not be completed again until November. The previous consultation completed has now expired
- **Minutes were Approved – IS & SS**

Giant Goram New Planning Application –

- ALW submitted an objection to the planning application late
- Jo Sergeant has affirmed the ACV
- Case officer is in mind to refuse the application, Cllr Don Alexander has recommended the case goes to committee for a decision if the officer decides to Approve the application for change of use to a meditation centre
- The group are currently in talks with the Plunket valuer
- Ian Smith (BL Rep) informed us of a building in Toot Hill called Village hall, the community turned this building into a pub/community hub

- ALW have agreed to look after GG groups finances until the group are able to get a bank account, bank details have been passed on to Plunkett to transfer the bursary

Wind Turbine - MP

- Ground works have started
- ACE have received an offer of investment from Thrive renewables for the Wind Turbine
- Accounts are now filled with Companies House
- PPA is being negotiated
- ACE are still negotiating with BCC. BCC are asking for 9.5% of our profits, we are trying to reduce this

Astry Planning Application – MP

- Brighter places no leading this project and working on the timeline, we currently have no recent update to relay

Ambition House Update – MP

- 29 Slow worms are now being relocated at a cost of £600 to an allotment site
- We no longer need to use Lidl's carpark retaining wall as we have moved the building back a bit
- Value engineering has now been completed to reduce costs due to the £70k gap in funding we have removed, the reception desk, x2 room partitions, fitted kitchen and landscaping costs
- We have approached Asking Bristol to help us find companies that will acquire, supply and fit a fitted kitchen, reception desk and furnish the office space
- We have spoken to Botanical Gardens volunteers to complete the landscaping
- Hydrock are working on a detailed proposal we can give to the BL steering group to apply for the £70k BL underspend to cover the funding gap for Ambition House
- Wessex Water are no longer able to provide any financial help however they have said they provide some resources – MP to ask them if they could provide capping and top soil for Ambition House
- RS suggested looking into the Land Aid fund

Papa Johns Pizza shop change of use planning app - MP

- MP looked at the planning application and identified a number of false comments such as, 5 empty shops along Ridingleaze, No youth provision and more false claims
- NDP states ALW will resist more takeaway venues along Ridingleaze
- Papa Johns closing time is suggested to be 12pm and will be using Gas which goes damages the climate
- MP asked the group if they would like to Approve, object or do nothing – the group decided to submit an objection, MP to complete **Approved - ALL**

- MP has notified the other shop keepers along Ridingleaze how to Approve or object to the application

AOB - ALL

- IS reported the damaged bollard on the high street outside the new barbers
- MP informed the group that Curo's house prices seem high considering they are advertised as affordable housing in Lawrence Weston
 - 2 Bed house = £210k
 - 3 Bed house - £240k
- We have been un able to make communications with Persimmons regarding messy road, early start times and on-going complaint along Broadlands Drive – Cllr Don Alexander has said he will try to get in touch with them
- MP to arrange visit to Waterlillies site for Roger (RS) and Sue (SS)

Next meeting
@ LWYC Via zoom or Face to face TBC