

**Swanley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Meeting at the Olympic, Charlton Room
On 24th July 2019 at 18:30**

Present: Robert Brickell [RB] Chris Hudson [CH] Chris Prestedge (CP) Roger Ford [RF]
Alan Dean [AD] Glynnis Darrington [GD] Paul Darrington [PD] John Roache [JR]

1. Apologies for Absence:

Bob Wallace, Lorraine Hart, Dr. Elizabeth Lunt.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2019

These were approved as correct with the following corrections. Glynnis name was spelt Harrington rather than Darrington. It was GD that had mentioned the watering hole. GD and PD had also attended the U&I Inquiry and that PD had spoken on behalf of The Town Council against the development.

4. The Steering Group

RB advised the meeting that Mark Fittock had resigned from both the steering and housing working group as he felt that the approval of the town centre development by the planning inspector made it impossible for him to continue. RB understood the sentiment but felt there was more to the NP than one set back. RB was concerned that we had lost several members of the steering group and introduced Mr. John Roache to the group who was a member of the Housing working group. RB proposed that JR be admitted to the Steering Group and this was unanimously agreed. RB said he would chair the next housing working group meeting and JR said he would be willing to chair this group going forward.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes

Portrait of Swanley – RB stated that he had prepared his version of a Portrait of Swanley and forwarded this to Lorraine Hart for critical appraisal. RB had forwarded a copy to Steve Nash and the Darringtons and would now forward to all Steering group members. JR had also prepared a Portrait of Swanley and RB asked him to forward this to Lorraine Hart. No other members had submitted Portraits to date.

6. Reports from the working group's leaders.

Housing

In the absence of a Housing Group Chair RB said that he would obtain contact details of people that had attended housing group meetings from Toni Roast so that he could contact them because attendance for this group had not been good recently. RB stated that he had been analysing the NP questionnaire in respect of housing and was in the process

of writing a section on this which he will submit to Lorraine in August for critical analysis. RB said we really need to push on with the NP with all Steering group leaders writing appropriate sections.

PD advised that the Town Council had received an application for housing in Broom Hill to the rear of Beechenlea Lane and that they had objected to the application on the grounds of inadequate access. CH and RB had looked at the access on the way to the meeting and both thought the access available was equivalent to Beechenlea Lane. RB pointed out that this site is included in the Regulation 19 submission and that, if we start objecting to these sites, replacements will need to be found.

Transport

CP stated that he and RF will be having a meeting next week to finalise their document on transport issues and will then have a meeting to agree their section with Transport working group members prior to submission to Lorraine Hart.

Working and Employment

AD stated that there were still only four business surveys that had been received. He did not know the situation with the on-line surveys but would speak to Mark Johnson and Steve Nash for an update.

Conservation and Heritage

In the absence of Lorraine Hart, we did not know whether she had met with the Swanley Village Residents to talk about conservation and heritage issues. RB mentioned that a more genteel Swanley had once been envisaged and that sadly very few of the Victorian Villas exist as these made way for ASDA's car park although some still exist along Goldsel Road.

Community Health Education & Leisure

In the absence of Dr. Lunt AD stated that the clinical commissioning group had been in contact with U&I regarding a land swap with Oaks Surgery and their car park located between the ALDI car park and the car park belonging to the Berkeley Court. It would be necessary to build the Community Health and Wellbeing Centre as part of phase 1 of the U&I development. Dr. Lunt had emailed Lorraine Hart to say that she was working on her section for the NP which would be submitted in due course.

AD stated that education was desperately in need of financial input. The external sports area was in need of replacement. CH and AD suggested writing to the Kemnal Academies Trust to find out their concerns and needs.

PD, GD and CH had attended a meeting regarding the replacement White Oaks sports facility. The meeting was chaired by the leader of SDC Mr. P Fleming who took questions from over 60 interested parties. Mr. Fleming was adamant that the budget could not be exceeded despite the loss of deep pool diving area, flumes and training pool to name a few activities currently enjoyed. Mr. Fleming had however indicated that a spectator area would be provided along the length of the pool and a raising lowering pool depth to suit water sports.

Planning September Consultation Event 28th September

AD contacted SDC for a large-scale map of Swanley and they had provided him with A1 size prints which will be useful at the consultation. RB asked AD to update his A4 map of Swanley to only show developments currently included in the Regulation 19 submission so that this can be included in the NP. AD produced a banner as a time line to development of Swanley with photographs. AD would be seeking funding for a drop-in site at the bottom of the steps off the main Swanley roundabout, staffed by young people, to engage with local residents as to their vision for Swanley. RB stated that these events should not delay progress with the NP. CH suggested that we should all look at the completed Stanstead Neighbourhood Plan

7. Implications for NP as a result of Town Centre Appeal being granted.

Everyone agreed that it was very disappointing that Planning Inspector had decided to grant Planning Approval for the U&I town centre development despite the unanimous objections from the Town council and protest groups. All interested parties put forward sound objections to the proposal. We all feel that it is even more important to have a Neighbourhood Plan in place to prevent this type of inappropriate development continuing in the future.

8. Portrait of Swanley

This is covered under Matters Arising.

9. Any other Business and Date of Next Meeting

There being no further business the next meeting would take place on Thursday 22nd August at 6.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.