

**Minutes of BADGERS MOUNT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 11th STEERING
GROUP (NPSG) MTG – 16th January 2019 (7.45pm– 8.45pm)**

Attendees and Apologies for Absence

Chair – Cllr Alistair Dunlop (AD)

Geoff Dessent (GD) – Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator., Cllr John Grint (JG) Cllr Simon Lake (SL), Cllr Gordon Plumb (GP). Cllr Tracey McCartney (TMC), Catherine Southwood (CS) Roger King (RK) and Zena Belton (ZB)

Apologies – Simon Taylor

The minutes of the 10th Neighbourhood Steering Group were agreed and signed and have been placed on the website.

1. Topic Groups

Good progress is being made on all topic groups.

2. Progress on Residents' Engagement

GD reported that he had visited Milton Avenue and had received positive support for the Neighbourhood plan, including concerns about road safety on the A224 and better management of the woodlands in the Parish. Residents were also supportive of the NP ensuring that any future development in the Parish is in keeping with the locality.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should have a formal discussion about options for better management of the Parish Woodland, particularly as this is likely to have cost implications.

GP reported he had spoken to a number of residents in his door knocking in Highland road.

Other explained that their “door knocking” trips were planned shortly.

3. Progress on Stakeholder Engagement

RK and AD reported that in their meeting with Conways, it became clear that although the Chelsfield Depot site had been included as one for new development in the draft Sevenoaks Local Plan, that Conways had no plans to vacate the site with the next 15 – 20 years. It was therefore agreed that this site would not feature as one for development in the current Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: GD to discuss with O'Neill-Homer ideas for a new “village” centre proposal and to seek a paper on this.

SL reported further contact with local businesses.

It was also agreed that a further piece of stakeholder engagement should be taken forward with Kent CC, in particular to develop ideas to improve road safety on the A224.

Action GD to progress this.

4. Habitat Study report

It was agreed that as there were a number of further comments and a need for a further revised Habitat report to be issued, then payment would not be made until this revised report had been produced – this has been requested a week before the next NP steering group meeting on 20 February 2020

Action : GD to speak with ENGAIN and ensure an improved final report is produced.

5. Planning for the Open meeting On 30th January 2020

Final details of the presentations and papers were discussed and agreed.

6. Budget

The latest invoice from O'Neill-Homer was agreed with the ENGAIN invoice again deferred (as referred to in item 4 above)

7. Next Steps

Next meeting - the NP open meeting on 30 January,

Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator29rd January 2020 .