**JPLG MEETING 29 February 2024 at 7.30 pm**

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**29/2/2024**

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| **Present:** | **APC:**  Anne Perkins  Joan Pickett | **CPC:**  Neil Boyce  Fi Rowlands  Steve Davies  Terry Young | **Others:**  Dai Rowlands (Chair)  John Hodder  Andrew Nash (for item 2) |

**1. Apologies for absence**

Martin Stalley (APC), David Shaw (CPC) and Sue Nash.

**2. Climate Change**

Andrew Nash outlined the current activity of the Climate Action Group (CAG):

* They were promoting participation in the nationwide Greenpeace Plastic Count which would take place in March - encouraging people to record their use of plastic packaging for the week and submitting their totals for inclusion in national figures. Posters in the village will encourage residents’ participation.
* They were meeting with Hannah Swinburn from PCC on 7 March to gain insight to PCC’s activity, such as local energy plans and encouragement on insulation and use of heat pumps. A representative from each of APC and CPC will also attend.
* There was potential for City wide activity, such as a climate action hub and PECT was understood to have made a bid for funding.
* For the village event on 5/6 July CAG will again have a stand and their potential theme would be Active Travel, eg walking, cycling, use of public transport. This could perhaps be a joint activity with the two PCs. It was also suggested that it might be feasible to arrange to have an electric car present.

Andrew also mentioned the availability of Carbon Literacy training, which could be done in person or on line, and he would provide feedback to PCs in due course.

**3. Declarations of interest**

None declared.

**4. Action Points from previous meeting held on 13 July 2023**

Action points had been attended to or the items are otherwise covered in the relevant agenda items below.

**5. JPLG Terms of Reference**

Both PCs had considered the Terms of Reference at their formal meetings and confirmed that they remained content with the wording.

**6. Ongoing review of JCAP actions**

**JCAP 1.3/4.3, Woodlands -** See item 7 below. It was agreed that the reference to the pre-school was no longer appropriate.

**JCAP1.4 Village Housing Trust -** This should remain as currently written pending final developments at Woodlands.

**JCAP 3.3, Speedwatch-** The wording would be revised as the position was no longer on hold.

**JCAP 3.4, Shop -** No change; see item 7 below.

**JCAP 3.5, Good Neighbours Scheme -** the scheme continued to thrive but there was no change of wording to report.

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**JCAP 4.3, Woodlands -** See item 7 below.

**JCAP - 4.4, Footpaths & bridleways -** The PCs would continue to consider the involvement of residents.

**JCAP 4.5, Litter Picks -** Thought would be given to restarting a programme of litter picks.

**Action: John Hodder** **will update the JCAP and circulate a draft for PC approval.**

**7. Neighbourhood Plans**

7.1 David Shaw had provided a brief update to John Hodder who outlined the latest position re-Woodlands:

* The planning application by the NPT appeared to have stalled, with a number of objections from statutory consultees.
* There was no sign as yet of an application from the Tennis Club.
* CPC had met with the Care Home and it seems they now intend to revert to conversion of the Pearl building rather than to demolish and rebuild.

7.2 The next round of consultation on the Local Plan is expected in September/October, to include draft housing and employment allocations. It would seem that opposition is growing to proposals regarding development of the land North of the bypass, which should be used in a positive way for the benefit of Peterborough residents. Peterborough has been one of the fastest growing cities in the UK and there is a need to slow down and concentrate on regeneration and quality, not quantity.

* It was noted that the local MP had raised opposition to development North of the bypass in Parliament this week. He asked the Prime Minister to agree that local people's views should be respected in the development of Local Plans....and he did.

7.3 **NP Reviews:** The two PC Chairs, David Shaw and John Hodder had attended a meeting with PCC Planners to discuss the draft reviews of the two Neighbourhood Plans (NPs). The drafts had been agreed by the PCs at their formal meetings and were initially sent to PCC in November 2022 requesting a meeting. This had been delayed due to lack of PCC resources and had not taken place until October 2023. PCC had replied with comments confirming the way forward on 13 December 2023.

7.4 CPC were consulting with Woodlands land owners regarding their proposed NP policy amendment. Once this was concluded the two NP reviews would be updated to refer to the PCC response of 13 December 2023; the CPC review would also need to record the outcome of the consultation with the Woodlands landowners.

*NB* *It remained the intention that the two NP reviews proceed together and, once the CPC consultation was concluded and the reviews updated, each PC would need to formally consider and agree their review before they were submitted to PCC.*

**8. Village Shop**

The PCs continued to monitor the situation and discussion had taken place with the owner and her architect which would hopefully take things further forward. A party wall agreement was needed with the adjoining owners to the East. Progress would continue to be monitored.

**Action: PCs.**

**9. Nature Recovery**

Each PC gave a brief update on their nature recovery activity:

* CPC continued with the development of the Coppice and the paddock down Splash Lane. There was potential funding available from a National Highways biodiversity project and it was hoped to purchase tools etc. to assist with maintenance. A lease of the CPC field at Tweentowns to PECT was in hand for tree planting.
* APC were also in discussion with PECT for similar use of their adjoining field. They were also waiting to hear from NPT regarding potential use of their 16 acre field down Station Road.

**10. Defibrillator**

VETS - Village Emergency Telephone System - was no longer used and potential users needed to ring 999 in the first instance. APC had introduced a rota of PC members to ensure monthly checks of the equipment and the battery had recently been replaced. The Castor equipment was monitored by Halls Chemist.

**11. Future of the Ailsworth Methodist Chapel**

The Chapel had finally been registered as an asset of community value by PCC and APC had canvassed interest in its purchase. An initial proposal for its purchase had not materialised and it was understood that the Chapel was currently up for sale.

**12. Village Bus Service**

It was understood that a two hourly bus service would start in July following a tendering exercise and would run from Stamford to various points in Peterborough and serving villages such as Easton on the Hill, Wittering and Wansford as well as Ailsworth and Castor. .

**13 Footpath between Thorolds Way and Casworth Way**

The footpath falls partly in each parish and it was understood that the parish boundary runs along the line of the back fences of the bungalows in Casworth Way. The need for it to be properly maintained had bee relayed to PCC and they would follow this up.

**14. Any other business?**

14.1 Parking difficulties at the school were understood to have eased in the morning since new drop off arrangements had been introduced by the school. There remained concerns from some residents about parents’ parking behaviour This was outside the control of the school but they had taken what steps they could to help improve matters.

14.2 PCs had no power to resolve the difficulties regarding parking around the school but CPC was arranging a police surgery where residents could air their concerns about this and other matters. This would be advertised to residents.

14.3 There was no further news regarding proposals to erect new fencing around the school playing field.

14.4 Concern was expressed about the need for appropriate skid risk signs when roadworks in the villages merited them and also for their timely removal.

**15. Date of next meeting 20 June 2024 at 7.30 pm**