

MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 08 JUNE 2017 IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD

PRESENT: Councillors P Boyle, S Cousins, B Deering, Dr Jacqueline Downs

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Peter Ruffles; Miss Jacqueline Veater, Consultant for the Sele Neighbourhood Area Plan; Dr Maria Iancu, Project Officer

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

46. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

47. THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2017 were approved as a correct record and the Chairman authorised to sign the same.

48. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

49. DISCUSSION ON THE SELE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA PLAN

A general discussion took place regarding the policy directions that the Community Steering Group has considered as part of their work for the elaboration of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Working Party members have discussed about the need to create safe routes for non-motorised transportation from the new developments towards the schools in Sele ward. This would extend the schools' catchment area and lead to increased subscription.

Councillor Bob Deering brought into discussion the fact that new developments in Sele ward would very much benefit from a common space for residents and that this matter can be considered in the elaboration of the Plan's policies.

The discussion then moved to updating the members on the *Fun Day* event to be organised on 22 July at St Andrew's Primary School. This is a free event for Sele residents that is organised by Network Homes. It will include information points, leisure activities and free food. Hertford Town Council will have its own stall, which will be used to present to the residents the policy directions which

are being considered for the SNAP. A large map will allow the members of the public to better visualise these options and express their views. Leaflets will be distributed to all addresses in Sele to advertise the event, which hopefully will drive a good attendance. Another consultation event will be organised by Hertford Town Council on the 18 July at Sele School's Main Hall, between 17.00 and 21.00. This will be another good occasion to detail to the members of the public about the recent work carried out for the Plan and to listen to their concerns.

The matter of proportional representation in the elaboration of the SNAP was raised during the discussions. The Project's Consultant mentioned that Sele Farm and Ladywood Estates are well represented in the Community Steering Group, however smaller estates such as Goldings, Campfield and Fordwich are under-represented. It is important that the residents in these areas are engaged to ensure that we follow the correct procedures for the elaboration of the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Bob Deering suggested that focussed additional leafletting should be delivered to those areas where the level of engagement or survey response has so far only been modest. Jacqueline Veater also suggested that local workshops could be organised in each of the three areas, possibly in a public establishment.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Neighbourhood Plan will advance according to the proposed framework.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.30.