

Ashtead Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of the Meeting held on Saturday October 24th 2015

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<p>4. Improve signage to the public car parks in the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was told that this can't be considered a policy as such but can be put forward to qualify for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money. It was asked if CIL money would be forthcoming from the building of the extension to The Greville School. JS explained that CIL can only be collected from residential properties and on limited commercial properties. PH asked about possible CIL from the Tesco site which at present has permission for a store with flats above. JS said that MVDC would have to take into account the size of the store. It was possible that the retail space may not be large enough at the point when CIL is in place to be charged. At the moment, the old system of developers having to pay Section 106 money is no longer binding and the CIL charges don't come in until next summer so at the moment developers are not having to pay any levies to MVDC. 	JL
<p>5. Require new developments to enhance footpath connections wherever the opportunity arises and where it is in keeping with the character of the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW asked if more zebra crossings could be created in the village to help the elderly and those with children. The library was put forward as one possible site. AE said that crossings were outside the remit of the NDP but the village could certainly lobby for such and even put it forward to be considered for CIL money. It was agreed however that a crossing could be asked for if it was part of a new development. <p>The remaining suggested policies No 9 and 12a and CIL projects Nos 5b, 6 and 12b raised no further comments or problems. These are now to be worked on and put forward as formal proposals by JL at the next Forum meeting.</p>	JL
<p>5. Economy Policies</p> <p>Policy AEc1 – Designate Barnett Wood as a Local Shopping Area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RG asked if by making such a policy it denied the area any flexibility to change if the shops were no longer needed. AE said that there is evidence that they are needed. SS added that if and when The Murreys is developed the row of shops would definitely need to be kept. It was asked if Ashtead Village Club should be equally designated because it too could be considered an asset to the village. PVS is to investigate the organisation and status of the club. <p>Policy AEc 3 – 53 - 57 The Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was confirmed that the detail in the policy is the same as that agreed for the smallest of the designs put forward by Tesco. The matter of the nature of the planned Tesco site was raised and whether smaller shops rather than one large one should be built instead. AE replied that MVDC's policy was for one larger store. It was explained that by the time the NDP is in place the new owner of the site will be known and possible work under way, however, the policy is being put forward to guard against unforeseen circumstances. <p>PW asked if churches were protected. AE replied that if a church fell out of use the matter would have to go to MDVC for approval of change of use.</p> <p>KH was assured that the Youth Club was protected.</p>	PVS

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<p>9. AOB</p> <p>RG asked if there was to be a policy to restrict the height of new buildings. GP said that that would not be needed because current MVDC planning policy already covered it.</p> <p>RC asked JL to highlight the parking problem by the Barnett Wood Shops in the Infrastructure report.</p> <p>AE then asked the meeting if it felt a policy was needed to stipulate the number of parking places to be attached to new houses. He showed the results of research he had undertaken in six new developments in the village. In five out of the six areas his count of cars and spaces had shown free spaces in the evening which suggested that the right number had been created. Following a short discussion it was agreed that the Housing Sub-group would work on a parking policy related to new developments in the village.</p> <p>AE concluded the meeting by thanking members for attending and making it a good meeting and informed the Forum that five names had been removed from the list of members due to their non-attendance at meetings and a lack of contact. He encouraged all to attend meetings, especially the next because of its importance and the need for it to be quorate.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Housing Sub- group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL</p>
<p>10. Date for the next meeting at APMH is as follows:</p> <p>Saturday 14th November.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ALL</p>