



Hackbridge & Beddington Corner
Neighbourhood Development Group
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MINUTES

8 October 2020
6.30pm via Zoom

Present:-

Julia Armstrong
Ann Baker
Julie Carrick
Steve Debourde
Lysanne Horrox
Norman Jones
Dave Tchillingham
Teresa Taylor
Sheldon Vestey

Apologies:-

Peter Alfrey
Rachael Colley
Grace Platt
Nikki Watkins

INTRODUCTION

JA welcomed everyone to the meeting, including new members and accepted the apologies given. The group took the opportunity to introduced themselves.

ELECTION OF ROLES

The election of roles and AGM had been delayed due to the pandemic. It had been previously agreed that the roles confirmed at the meeting would run for 6 months so as to align with the usual AGM timing of April.

JA proposed the new committee which was agreed.

Executive Committee

Lysanne Horrox - Chair
Julie Carrick – Vice Chair
Grace Platt - Secretary
Steve Debourde – Treasurer

Other Roles

Peter Alfrey – Project Officer / biodiversity
Dave Tchillingham – Project Officer
Sheldon Vestey – Marketing Officer

Members

Julia Armstrong, Norman Jones, Ann Baker, Rachael Colley, Teresa Taylor,
Nikki Watkins

HOUSE KEEPING

LH confirmed the constitution states there should be at least 6 formal meetings a year, with a quorum of 7 members and a minimum of 4 committee members to vote on any decisions.

Terms of Reference state there should be 21 members. The group need to come up with ways of attracting new members.

ACTION: ALL

Everyone confirmed they are happy for their email to be visible when sending out group emails. Members also agreed to being part of a WhatsApp group.

ACTION: For those absent, please confirm you are happy with this and all mobile numbers to be sent to LH to set up WhatsApp.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

LH gave a brief overview listing the ongoing developments in the area:-

- New Mill Quarter – Felnax - Barratts
- Nightingale Close - Rydon
- Maple Grove – Corbet Close including Wandle Trail - Rydon
- Millfields – Wandle Valley Trading Estate - Redrow
- Greenside Views - Mill Green Business Park

Planning applications waiting approval

- 29 Hackbridge Road – 1 x house
- Vulcan House, Restmor Way – permitted development from office to residential, but requested an extra storey. Permission still not given, despite work starting.

Ongoing projects

- Beddington Farmlands
 - Next CAMC meeting – 15 October
 - Access Working Group – site visit on 12 October to Thurrock Nature Reserve to look at their public access on the site and opportunity to ask questions about their progress through development.

- Corbet Close Wandle Trail
 - Working with Wandle Valley Forum to stop the relocation of the Wandle Trail being further away from the river and ensure path material is appropriate for the whole stretch.
 - At the end of the Local Committee meeting Cllr Stears mentioned the closure of part of the path for 12 weeks from February 2021. This is a short cut for the 80 bus and used by a lot of school children.

ACTION: LH to email Highways and Rydon to see if there can be partial access to the path from Riverside Close during the works

- Hackbridge Train Station
 - LH, DT and other residents met with Network Rail earlier in the year to see what improvements could be made to the station using the Passenger Benefit Fund (consultation feedback used) & £50k Section 106 money from Felnex.
 - It has been confirmed that GTR will pay for a feasibility study to see how they can make the car park safer for pedestrians to walk through.
- Greening up Hackbridge
 - The NDG have done various projects in the past engaging with schools and mass bulb planting, bioblitz etc.
 - DT has engaged with IDVerde this year and trying to implement some of the Hackbridge Green Space Management Plan which is Appendix 7 of our neighbourhood plan
 - Awaiting outcome of Postcode Lottery funding application and intention to apply to Beddington Community Fund for mass bulb planting along the 3 verges on London Road and Hackbridge Green.
- Formal access onto the land north of BedZED
 - Applied for funding from Sutton Council's Neighbourhood Fund for welcome area, interpretation boards and to work with Sutton Council to make safe the culvert and innovative ways to restrict motorcycles.

REPRESENTATION ON OTHER COMMITTEES

It was noted that members of the group also represented other committees, which is great to help with networking.

- Viridor - Conservation, Access and Management Committee – LH & NJ
- Viridor - Community Liaison Group – DT
- Viridor - Beddington Community Fund – JA
- Felnex Liaison Group – LH, JC, NW, SV
- Ward Co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch – SV
- Local Committee representatives – JA, PA. SV & DT approved on 8/10/20
- Wandle Valley Forum Executive Committee – LH
- BedZED Residents Association – DT
- New Mill Quarter Residents Associate - SV

CONSULTATIONS

It was noted there were three consultations that needed responses this month.

Nightingale Close – 12 October

Changes to conditions which results in poorer energy efficiency standards.

ACTION: JA agreed to draft an objection

Draft South London Waste Plan – 22 October

ACTION: DT & SV to draft a response

Proposals to reform the planning system in England – 29 October

ACTION: LH, JC & JA agreed to draft a response

LH to arrange a meeting and try to obtain Sutton Council's views

After the meeting SD was searching Sutton Council's planning portal and noticed two current planning applications that require immediate responses:-

- Elm Road – comprising of 2 houses and 4 maisonettes – 12 October
- Old Cadet Hut – comprising of 3 x 3-bedroom 3-storey houses – 13 October

PROJECTS

It was noted this is an exciting time to try and make physical changes and improvements in our area. There is a project list at the back of the neighbourhood plan and any new projects are welcome. This will be discussed in further meetings.

AOB

TT was concerned about the upkeep of Mill Green. Since the meeting NJ spoke to the warden on Mitcham Common and confirms that Sutton Council have been given permission to undertake on-going maintenance. It was suggested TT contact Mark Dalzell, Head of Parks and Open Spaces at Sutton Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Due to the current deadlines on consultations, dates will be proposed at a later time.