



NEWMARKET VISION MINUTES OF Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Thursday 14 September 2017

Held in the Council Chamber, Newmarket Town Council Offices 10:00

Members Present:

Cllr Rachel Hood [RH]

Cllr Michael Jefferys [MJ]

Sara Beckett [SB]

Rachel Wood [RW]

Cllr Warwick Hirst [WH]

Apologies received and accepted William Gittus, Julian Wilson, Justin Wadham, Boyd Nicholas.

Welcome to all members by Cllr Hood and confirmed NNPSG was quorate
The minutes of 25 August 2017 were accepted and approved

A brief discussion was held over signage, car parking and cinema and it was decided to focus today firstly on

CAR PARKING

We need to look at how we can improve car parking

We have been informed that the guineas car park is suitable for another floor.

Too hard to find unless you are familiar. Capacity is apparently suitable but is the capacity where it is needed and is the capacity enough when the desire is to encourage Tourism.

Waitrose has been built on a previous car park and whilst Rous Road was apparently the replacement it is not like for like and there is overall a net loss.

RW has previously had discussions with the Catholic Church about opening another entrance in their land and had tried to facilitate

discussions between the Church and Waitrose. The junction of Fred Archer Way is not appropriate

It was proposed and resolved to

List the Car Parks with photographs and map and identify the problems

Guineas

All Saints

Rous Road

Grosvenor Yard

Turner Hall

CINEMA

To review where FHDC are with the review

SPORTS PROVISION SPORTS HUB (Community sports and Leisure hub)

Do we need to think of our own term for this?

Could this include soft play and should maintain informal space

We need to remember the possible uses and could be a Tourist destination an area where children can play while parents relax

It has a broad community use not just sport

Do we need to consult?

We need to be prepared for the next meeting on November 02 with members of SCC and FHDC

St Felix has been closed for 5 years and it should be used for the benefit of the Town not just seen as a financial asset.

Leisure Centre may expand

Covenants on Scaltback have not been maintained which needs to be addressed and this could be achieved by the 'swop' of allocation

Cost has to be considered but funding could be sourced. The cost to SCC is Scaltback.

At the meeting previously with FHDC/SCC the costing previously for Scaltback to remain as the Rugby Club was estimated at £3.5 million and it would be the cheapest option

MJ who chaired the meeting felt that we were weak on 2 points we need to address which sports clubs would be interested and how was it going to be paid for.

There is leverage for funding e.g Sport England

There is also the need for a school by 2020 as identified by SCC which is quickly approaching.

Could the houses (50 in number) be built on Scaltback?we maintain this could be the case.

Would the Rugby Club wish to move, no redevelopment has happened in the time that the school has been closed. The need to want something better for the Rugby Club

Houses + school at Scaltback + open space appropriate to housing need. Sports hub to include Rugby Club at St Felix

Should be plot our ideas

Need to meet with Rugby Club [MJ will speak to Mr Voss informally] with a view to approaching sports clubs formally. [RH] to speak to Sport England.

Generic email to many as per list obtained .

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