

Welland Neighbourhood Plan Forum (“the Forum”)

Minutes of Meeting held 14th March 2024 at The Royalist, Western Avenue, MH

1. Attendees: Susan Garon (SG) **Chair**, Linda Pentland (LP) **Secretary**, Bob Bellm (BB), Alex Shelton (AS), Ann Morris (AM), Kerry Ward (KW), Lesley Morgan (LM), Garry Davies (GD), Halina Pasiecznik (HP), Marcus Stanway-Williams (MSW), Cllr Darren Woodiwiss (DW), Cllr Rose Forman (RF), Quentin Bell (QB), Trish Algar (TA), Paul Algar (PA)

Apologies: Alan Good, Bruce Durham, David Notter, Roy Saint, Tim Durham, Tracey Foster, Brendan Foster

2. **Minutes** of last meeting were agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

Logo/leaflet wording – LP shared two versions of a logo – one two colour, one multi coloured. Meeting agreed colour version to be used. Also shared wording that the Comms group covering all 4 Forums has put together to describe what we are doing. LP to put all this together into a leaflet, incorporating suggestions from HP to add a ‘call to action’ which MSW will initially print for us so that we have something to give out when we are talking to people and at events.

AGM – LP has booked **the Community Church on Bath Street** for this, at the slightly later time of **6.30 – 8.30pm**. We aim to make this meeting a celebration of how far we have come as well as setting out next steps. Further details to follow.

Section 106 monies – SG and BB are now part of a cross-forum group looking at s106 monies distribution. They met with the HDC Officer responsible for s106 and there is now ongoing dialogue so in future we should be much better informed and therefore able to influence the use of these monies.

One potential use of S106 monies in our ward is to modernise/smarten up the square outside Londis – this area is the equivalent of our ‘village centre’ and is seen as a bit dated/run down. Whilst we can’t directly work on the flats/privately owned property it is hoped that smartening up the environment would encourage that to happen.

Another linked potential use is for some sort of community facility on Burford Green, as well as improving footpath type access around the green. Houghton on the Hill community centre was mentioned as a potential example. BB agreed to talk to them about how they went about developing their centre.

Burford Green Village Fete – BB updated. More volunteers are needed to make this event a success. It is a great opportunity for us to continue to gather feedback from people of the ward. The next meeting of volunteers for the event is **Thursday 21st March 2024 7pm at The Royalist**. A separate invite has been issued post meeting, but ideas put forward include a dog show (LM to talk to P4W), scouts involvement (AM to contact), a raffle (HP to co-ordinate), fancy dress competition, all of which will be discussed at the meeting

Actions

All – can you help with any aspect of the fete, no matter how small?

LP – leaflet to MSW to print

BB – talk to Houghton the Hill centre

4. Harborough Town Hub (HTH) update

SG gave an update following the cross-forum symposium on 9th March. It was suggested that the minutes of these meetings be made available to forum members so that the link between HTH and the forums is clearer.

LP – action circulation of minutes.

5. Burford Green – possible initiatives

Linked to the fete, DW suggested that we could do a litter pick to clear the area between the field fence and the gardens as in a couple of places this has become a bit of a dumping ground and is unsightly. **Saturday 13th April was agreed for this.** Should take no more than 2-3 hours. We will leaflet the neighbours to ask if anyone wants to help the volunteers we have from the Forum.

A second potential project DW suggested is maintenance on the basketball court – some minor repairs and painting. Possibly involving local businesses. Also suggested Harborough in Bloom might help with the planters etc. To be progressed.

6. AOB

SG thanked Alex for his work clearing the gulley on Farndon Fields following last month's heavy rain. BB to check with Peter James where we are up to with the developers on this.

AM raised the impact of additional lorries/traffic from the development work on Naseby Square. It is important to report any accidents or road damage to LCC as unless we do nothing will change. LP to include pothole reporting link with these minutes. And everyone asked to notice and report any minor accidents e.g. at the S bend on Nithsdale Avenue.

Junction of Western Avenue/Farndon Road – has been discussed with LCC but is not currently a priority.

7. Date of Next Meeting – AGM Thursday 11th April 2024 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Community Church, Bath Street. Note - different venue and time.