

WERRINGTON AREA FORUM

MONDAY 17th July 2023
THE BARN HODGSON CENTRE

<u>FORUM MEMBERS:</u>	Pauline Fury, Martin Greaves, Ivan Hammond, Mick Mead, Vince Moon, Geoff Smith,
<u>VISITORS:</u>	Four members of the public
<u>APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Sandra Bond, Tony Forster, Cllr Steve Lane, Roger Proudfoot, Cllr Bryan Tyler, Sheila Lever

It is noted that the Forum Quorum is six members. With eight members the meeting is quorate.

- 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:** Vince Moon thanked everyone for attending.
- 2. UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS**
 - Following correspondence and a meeting with City Council Officers, amendments have been made but there remains four outstanding policies to sort: Sustainability, Green energy, car/cycle parking, trees. This feels difficult given the Consultant did extensive work on these.
 - There is currently no government money available which means that all the rewrites will have to be done by the Forum and will be hard for the publicity going forward.
 - Next steps: Plan Approval, Community/interest groups consultation, City Council Consultation, Independent Examination, Referendum.
 - Whilst it is PCC's preferred way forward, referendum need not take place alongside local elections. The timing feels tight anyway and there are concerns that publicity will not reach all electors resulting in potentially damaging 'knee-jerk' voting.
 - Following circulation of the submission of the redesignation of the Neighbourhood Plan's area, this was approved by Forum members.
 - Clarification was requested about what the Plan consists of and this was explained further with reference to the evidence files and policies including highlighting the 6 designated local green spaces. In response to John Fox stating that Ken Stimpson Fields was not a public space, Sally advised that PCC had accepted the designated area being the public space covered by the covenant on the Education Authority's map. She had requested confirmation from the Education Team that this still remains the same given the legal challenge; the Planning Team was having a similar conversation with Michael Britton Open Space Officer.
 - The importance of the new parking policy can be seen with the approval of the new 3 bedroomed house in Lewes Gardens with only two parking spaces (instead of a garden) with Highways saying that the road was suitable for parking despite it being so well used by school cyclists.
 - Sally was thanked by John and Judy Fox for her work on this ...and also for sharing her work with Newborough Parish Council as they begin their Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING WERRINGTON**

Probable September Meeting, Tuesday 10th October (dependent on Climate Change Presentation) Monday 11th Dec,