

## Minutes of the Alphington Village Forum Committee meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

**Present:**

Committee: Juliet Meadowcroft (JM)(chair), Peter Phillips (PP)(minutes), Peter Croft; (PC) Robin Naylor (RN, Bill Broadbent (BB), Ray Spiller (RS), Rod Ruffle (RR), Doug Lake (DL).

Others: Cllr Margaret Clark (MC), Cllr Suaad George (SG).

No.	Discussion/ Decision	Action by
1	<b>Apologies:</b> Nick Southard (NS), Richard Price, Shelley Ingham (SI), Tom Dunn (TD), Diana Moore (DM), Roy Hill (RH). <b>Absent:</b> Tanya Pearson.	
2	<b>The Minutes of the previous meeting</b> were agreed, with one amendment. (06.11.2014_3c – Arthur Roberts House is also closing down, and will therefore not be taking Alphin House residents)	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b> (see below)	
3a	Four <b>pre-school options</b> . Action carried forward from 06.10.2014_3a. (Diana to ask Tanya for a report).	DM
3b	From 06.10.2014_3b. DCC have now been made aware of the private open land at <b>Loram Way</b> . This land is up for sale and there is concern by residents that it could be developed. Ben Bradshaw has been in touch with the charity Open Spaces Society, and Ray Spiller has set up a local open space group to follow up the issue and ensure no building takes place. LWOSG will be prepared to take on all land but not just the unproductive bits.	
3c	From 06.10.2014_3e. Margaret Clark said that <b>St Thomas library</b> could not be run by volunteers, and it is likely to be run by a trust with professionals and volunteers.	RH
4	<b>Notification of A.O.B</b> Report on visit to Marsh Barton Energy from Waste plant (Item 11a) Lorries in Village (Item 11b)	
5	<b>Strategy to deal with outline planning application to ECC, including public meeting.</b> JM reported that emails to Chris Liversage, agent for DCC, have produced no response, however John Hart, leader of DCC, had that evening phoned JM and seems to be sympathetic to the Forum's request for a pre-application meeting. (Apparently JH has had similar problems in his own constituency of Bickleigh in South Hams). MC has no information on when the outline planning application will be submitted. It is unlikely that the application will contain much detail apart from road junctions. <u>An emergency Forum committee meeting will be called</u> as soon as there is news of the planning application. Actions from 06.10.2014_5b/5c are carried forward pending the planning application.	JM
6	<b>Feedback from CIL sub-committee.</b> Meeting of community representatives from areas affected by development in relation to CIL allocation to help inform the Council's decision-making was held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October at the Exeter Community Centre Trust. The council representatives were Richard Short and Fergus Pate who listened to views from all of the areas. CIL allocation is likely to be 15% to communities. MC has spoken to Karim Hassan who confirmed that the decisions on allocation will be made by council members. JM reported that it was suggested that the city needs to have a community development strategy, but RS and FP said that this was unlikely to happen. SG said that the city does not have a community strategy, and wants to encourage areas to form community hubs. Exeter Community Initiatives was mentioned (but this is ECC partnership with churches to alleviate homelessness and poverty) JM to follow up previous Forum discussion with Community Council of Devon	JM

7	<p><b>Identification and retention of trees in hedgerows in Alphington.</b></p> <p>PP has issued report on the site visit arranged on 12 October. The visit was useful but limited in scope to fields east of Chudleigh Road. The hedgerow on the boundary with TDC land is ancient and contains much wildlife including deer and a buzzard. The other major hedgerow from the end of Pulpit Walk is mainly elm which, although not a "must keep" in terms of planning, contains many trunks greater than 300mm in diameter. If this elm is the "Exeter elm" species it would be resistant to Dutch Elm disease and could be allowed to grow as trees.</p> <p>JM asked PP to provide an article for "Alphington Life" magazine</p> <p>Other hedgerows need to be similarly visited especially along Markham Lane and Royal Close.</p> <p>Markham Lane is an ancient ridgeway of particular importance for wildlife.</p>	PP RN/TD
8	<p><b>Environmental Agency Flood Plan for Alphington Village</b></p> <p>Committee agreed that <u>EA should be contacted</u> to discuss relevance of flood plan for the village. Possibly it would be useful to know where surface water drains discharge – Alphin Brook? DL pointed out that much of Alphington is low lying and some drains back up.</p>	JM
9	<p><b>Report on South West Smarter Travel (CWEST, formerly Stop the Alphington Park &amp; Ride)</b></p> <p>BB reported on CWEST. Lynn Wetenhall (LW) of CWEST wants to widen the issues to handling of traffic in SW Exeter. LW will contact transport planners in Devon and form group to seek to get information from Devon CC. LW is keen to explore the historic decisions taken and policies used relating to the park and ride provision as these may no longer be relevant.</p> <p>Emails will be sent to interested parties.</p> <p>BB will not sit in on face-to-face meetings, but possibly someone with more transport experience such as Andrew Bell could take this on.</p> <p>LW has had an initial meeting with DCC and they seem receptive to CWEST.+ (CWEST web site is <a href="http://swexetersmartertravel.org">http://swexetersmartertravel.org</a>)</p> <p>LW to be invited to next AVF committee meeting.</p>	JM
10	<p><b>Teignbridge District Council SWE1 Local Plan update</b></p> <p>No news available for SWE1, but BB said that new housing in areas around Newton Abbott is going to judicial review as TDC is ignoring environmental protected areas and going against natural England.</p>	
11	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p>	
11a	<p><b>Marsh Barton waste to energy plant</b> was visited by JM, MC and DM. DM/JM interviewed by BBC Spotlight News re emission of harmful particles from this plant.</p> <p>JM to <u>organise visit</u> for rest of committee.</p>	JM
11b	<p>RH still to <u>report on progress</u> of citywide <b>lorry ban</b></p>	RH
11c	<p>Incinerator <b>noise</b> report <u>awaited from DM</u>, but reported noise is most likely piling at Devon Hotel.</p>	DM
9	<p><b>Date of next meetings:</b> Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.</p>	

**Notes:**

1. Underlined items are action points.
2. Any reports to committee meetings to be submitted by email prior to the meeting, or immediately after the meeting (to ensure accuracy and prompt distribution of Minutes)