

Shaw & Whitley Community Hub
 Minutes of the Meeting Held virtually on
 Sunday 21st February 2021

Present:	
Nathan Hall (Chair) (NH)	
Alison Candlin (AC)	
Charlotte Yates (CY)	
John Lister (JL)	
Dom Szanto (DS)	
Apologies	
Duncan Whitby (DW)	

No.	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	
	NH welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that Duncan Whitby had stepped down from the steering group to avoid any conflict of interest in relation to the potential Whitley Farm site.	
2	Minutes of 6 December 2020 Meeting and Review of Actions	
	Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 th January 2021 had previously been agreed as a correct record. Actions relating to items not covered on the agenda were reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Pledge document had been finalised by the group, but not circulated due to the acceptance of an offer from another purchaser of the Top Lane site. - A grant application had been submitted to MWPC for the total sum of £2000. The outcome was awaited. - An informal discussion had taken place with members of the MWPC to provide an update on the groups plans and allow for Q&A. This had been a very useful discussion. 	
3	Current Position with Site Options	
	Peter Richardson (PR) was welcomed for this part of the meeting. An updated version of a report outlining the various potential opportunities for a shop site	

<p>serving the villages of Shaw and Whitley had been circulated to the group. PR was invited to take the group through this report, which was discussed in detail.</p> <p>It was noted that:</p> <p>There were a number of outstanding enquiries to be completed before the report could be considered completed.</p> <p>The group agreed that it would be important to engage further with the owners of the Middle Farm site to understand the owners plan for this development which might include a shop and/or café. Any such development would impact on the groups plans for developing a community shop for the villages. Generally, it was acknowledged that although the Middle Farm site may not be considered as an ideal location for a community shop model, it would provide a very favourable location for a commercial development.</p> <p>The group also felt the Church Farm Units would not be a favourable location for a community shop.</p> <p>The potential for a new build opportunity adjoining the Reading Rooms was noted as having some potential. Likewise, the new information received with respect to the Golf Club was also welcomed.</p> <p>It was agreed that Peter Richardson would notify AC when the outstanding enquiries were completed and that a further discussion should take place to amend the scoring criteria used in the report to better reflect this groups priority for a Community Shop.</p> <p>It was re-emphasised that the group would not wish to compete with any commercial offer to provide a shop for the villages, if such a development arose. However, as a Community Benefit Society the groups interest in providing a shop for the village could only be as a not for profit community focussed venture. The potential development at Middle Farm and the news regarding the sale of the Top Lane Site would mean the group needed to fully consider the implications of both of these developments on any plans for a Community Shop.</p> <p>It was agreed that the group should also wait to see how the sale of the Top Lane site progressed over the coming months. It was noted that this was likely to be a slow process. Every opportunity would be sought to engage with the new buyers to understand more about their offer and ensure the groups plans did not develop in conflict with these. NH agreed to write to the Agents Strakers to ask to be out in touch with the new buyers for such a discussion.</p>	<p>PR / AC</p> <p>NH</p>
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4	Other Items Discussed	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal advice received from a Planning expert was discussed. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed not to pursue an ACV Application for the Top Lane site at this stage. - As Duncan Whitby had stepped down from the Steering Group, it was agreed that an invitation should be extended to other interested members of the Whats-App Group to see if anyone else wanted to join the Steering Group - CY had developed a simple Trello Board for the group as a way of keeping track of projects and actions. Group members were asked to review this and populate it with their actions. - As circumstances regarding the Top Plan site had changed since the submission of the grant application to MWPC, NH was asked to update MWPC that the group was pursuing other potential locations and the items asked for in the grant application would still be relevant items of expenditure. 	<p style="text-align: center;">NH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NH</p>
5	Date of Next Meeting	
	The Steering Group would meet again on Friday 12 March 2021	