

North Horsham Parish Council

Notes from the Meeting of the Community Land Trust Working Party held on Wednesday 16th October 2019.

In attendance:-

Tom Warder – Sussex Community Housing Hub

Alison Best- Dufour - Resident

Cllr James Davidson – North Horsham Parish Council

Cllr Joy Gough – North Horsham Parish Council

Stuart Norton – Resident

Cllr John Smithurst* – North Horsham Parish Council

Cllr Ray Turner* – North Horsham Parish Council

Pauline Whitehead – note taker.

*apologies

1. Welcome and Introductions to visitors

Cllr Joy Gough welcomed Tom Warder and received an apology that Horsham Churches Together was not able to send a representative on this occasion, but would like to be kept informed about the CLT.

2. Apologies

There were apologies from Cllr Smithurst and Cllr Turner.

3. Community Engagement

The working party considered a logo for the North Horsham CLT. The group favoured a circular logo with a hand, a house and a tree to represent the Earles Meadow tree which is on the North Horsham Parish Council logo. The group agreed the wording and pictures for an A5 leaflet. The pictures are copyrights and this must be acknowledged on any publicity.

The Legal and General consultation dates are 5th November 2019 2pm to 8pm and Saturday 9th November 2019 10am to 2pm. The consultation events will be held at Holbrook Sports Club on North Heath Lane.

It was agreed to print 1,500 leaflets at a cost of £64.99 and to obtain a banner for £99. Extreme gratitude was expressed to Alison Best Dufour and Stuart Norton for all of their hard work on the logo, wording for the leaflet and sourcing the pictures.

Action in Rural Sussex working in partnership with the University of Sussex has set up an opportunity for the organisation to have a website as part of Community 21 which has evolved into a finely tuned platform to host a website. The cost for hosting is £30 per annum. Training and set up is £500. It was decided to defer this to the next meeting and to focus on the consultation event and getting more people involved. There was no immediate expertise to set up a website page, so this was deferred until more people were involved. The leaflet will be put on to the Parish Council website and Facebook page in the first instance and the Parish Council can be used as the base for collating information until the Steering Group is formed.

Arrangements were made for the consultation events.

- Cllr Davidson had a card table that he could offer as a stand.
- A prize draw may encourage people to stop at the stall to give those manning it chance to talk to them. Pauline would approach the Chairman of the Parish Council to see if he would use his allowance to donate a bottle of wine.
- Tom would produce a crib sheet so that there was clear simple information. He may have some booklets that he could let the group have.
- Pauline would speak with Dan Knight of Camarge, the communications agency being used by Legal and General, to see if the group could be included in publicity for the event and to check that arrangements were in place.
- Leaflets and banners would be delivered to the Parish Council Office. It was later noted that the Councillors could wear their identity badges and badges would be made for the resident volunteers.

The rota for the events is as follows:-

Tuesday 5th November 2019

1pm set up	2pm -4pm	4pm – 6.30pm	6.30pm -8pm	Take down
Stuart	Stuart		James	James
Joy	Joy			

Saturday 9th November 2019

9am set up	10am – 12pm	12pm – 2pm	2pm -4pm	Take down
James	Alison	Joy		
	James	Stuart		

Cllr Smithurst and Cllr Turner were invited to put their names down for the empty slots.

4. Discussion points from the meeting with Legal and General on 11th September 2019

Modular housing would be discussed in the future.

It was noted that consideration needed to be given to including an estate charge into rental costs if it were applicable.

Nick Wood was no longer working for Legal and General. The new contact was Seb Balcombe. Pauline would forward Seb's contact details to Tom to enable him to speak further about a Letter of Intent from Legal and General to the CLT working party.

Legal and General have spoken with Horsham District Council to see if the CLT could be accommodated in the custom build area or if there were parcels of land where affordable housing could be sited. The key point of a CLT providing genuinely affordable housing for perpetuity for local people was very important as it could be perceived that a Registered Provider will deliver affordable housing, but this is not in perpetuity and doesn't have guarantees, that local people will benefit attached to it.

5. Discussion points from Working party 11th September 2019

Tom suggests to the group that they aim high and that it would not be unrealistic to think of providing 10 homes to start with and perhaps another 10 as the development and the CLT grows.

The Co-op Community stall would be discussed at a future meeting.

The Public Meeting will be called by contacting those people who showed an interest at the consultation events. The Steering group will need people with expertise and enthusiasm. It needs to elect a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Head of Place at Horsham District Council had been notified about the emerging CLT and asked to be kept informed of progress.

Start up membership of the CLT Network has been completed. This has given access to a wealth of material.

6. Parish Council response to administrative and financial support

The Parish Council supported the CLT by giving £1,000 towards start up costs including leaflets, the banner, membership of the CLT Network and website costs. The Personnel Committee has recommended continuing administrative support until the CLT Steering Group is formed, hopefully around December 2019 and training if

required. This, along with the request for free room hire at Roffey Millennium Hall, will be considered by the Parish Council Meeting on 7th November 2019.

Tom Warder had to leave the meeting at this point.

7. Dates for forthcoming meetings

Next working party meeting 12th November 2019 at 6pm

Public Meeting w/c 9th December 2019

Final working party meeting 8th January 2020

First Meeting of the Steering Committee – 20th January 2020.

The dates would be confirmed by e-mail.

Cllr Gough noted an opportunity to go to a CLT Lecture on Friday 18th October 2019, but regrettably no one was available. Cllr Gough thanked all in attendance and closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

There were no recommendations to the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee, but the notes would be circulated for information.