

MINUTES of the meeting of the Hungerford 2036 Project Team held on Tuesday 30th April 2019 at 7.00pm in the RBFRS, Church St, Hungerford

Present: Clerk, Tony Drewer-Trump (TDT), John Downe (JD), Chris Scorey (CS), R Hudson (RH), James McMahon (JM)

1. **Note Apologies (1 min)** – Denise Gaines (DG)

2. **Agree last set of minutes of 9th April 2019 and of joint meeting of 2nd April 2019, update on actions from last meeting, not included in the agenda - Clerk (1 min)** – *Both sets of minutes were agreed by all.*

Action: Preparation of a list of the public comments is still outstanding as redaction criteria needs to be agreed before processing and displaying the list on the web.

Action: Clerk awaiting quote for a digital copy of the map of Hungerford Parish.

Action: Following publication of the HNA on our website, Clerk to circulate the intro to the H2036 mailing list informing them where the HNA can be viewed.

RH advised the Grazeley housing development is likely to go ahead which will reduce the housing demand for the rest of West Berkshire. Previous evidence from the Town Plan showed a desire for the town to prosper and thrive but not by large housing sites or high numbers.

3. **Consider any feedback or correspondence from:**

- **Hungerford Town Council (joint meeting)** – nothing further.
- **Members of the public** – JD and Cllr Crane met with a representative from Kerridge who own a section of Charnham Park and the potential hotel site. Kerridge are still considering what is viable to pursue for the site. Planning permission will remain in place. Some of the current office premises aren't let and parking is an issue.

4. **Progress with updating Draft Aims and Objectives, separating community aspirations and appointment of PlanET to produce draft policies** – **Action:** TDT proposed appointing PlanET to proceed with this work at their day rate of £420, all agreed. **Action:** Include our decision to appoint PlanET for this work in H2036's next report to Full Council.

5. **Approach from alternative consultants** – **Action:** TDT to share with project team for consideration.

6. **Development - Start of Criteria - The Dream for 2036** – Do we create a list of dreams in addition to the A&Os? We can consider areas of the town and where to best locate the Employment Zones. Is Smitham Bridge Industrial area in the wrong place? Shifting employment areas out of the centre will help to reduce the number of lorries through the town. We wish to create new dwellings without impacting adversely on the town's character, by pepper-potting sites around the town. The level crossing restricts access to the land to the north of the station and how much of the immediate surrounding roads are public highway? It was commented there is some poor-quality housing in Hungerford and in many places too much parking on the road. Perhaps consider future housing designs to include garages that can't be converted, but how would this will impact on housing density. Traffic management safety should be studied. The pinch point at Smitham Bridge helps with slowing traffic. Consider the need for play parks to the north of town as access isn't easy by footway to the south. Look to include additional covered bicycle parking and improve cycle routes. More seating and picnic areas would be desirable. A plaza in front of the town hall has previously been suggested along with redevelopment/improvement of ugly buildings along the High St.
Action: TDT to compile dream list. Then see how this fits with our aims and objectives.

7. **Feedback from various consultations**

- **Action:** Following response received from the surgery, Clerk to invite practice manager to next H2036 meeting.
- Nursery School Consultation 5/7 1 ½ hours as part of fun run – **Action:** JD and TDT to attend
- Primary School Consultation 20/7 School Fete - **Action:** JD and TDT to attend

8. **AECOM – Method documents requested - Action:** Clerk to approach AECOM again after their initial response that these documents are not available.
Modules of interest are:
- Site Options and Assessment
 - Master-planning
 - Design including Design Codes
9. **Transport Modelling – Action:** West Berkshire Council are working on this. The modelling will include road surveys and mobile phone stats split into times and zones. Different development scenarios are needed.
10. **Mapping Services –** Dealt with under item 2.

AONB – Do we need to recruit new members to the H2036 team? It was decided to leave this until a later stage when the project is moving faster and to include an induction.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.