

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017

At The Greenway Centre.

- 1. Attending:** Mike Murch, Dave Fogg, Alan Piper, Alan Aburrow, Brian Newland, Jayne Whittlestone, Mark Weston, Sue Potter, Rosemary Carr, Ian Smith, Christine Portch, and Mike Roberts.
- 2. Apologies:** were received from – Deana Perry, Christine Eggleton, Tim Parkinson, Alex Kittow and Pat Harrison.
- 3. The Minutes of the November meeting were approved and signed.**
- 4. Dunmail:** Jayne explained that they have had verbal approval of the plan but are awaiting written confirmation, which will require agreement of CIL and S106 plus some minor matters. Mike then reported that the Scheme will be marketed under the title “**Elderberry Walk, Southmead**” with its own logo, this would not be until formal agreement had been reached with the Council.
Jayne then outlined how successful the School Workshop was and how much the Free School had appreciated the help given by everyone, she also suggested cascading the same project to the other secondary school within the area, this was supported by all.
Jayne and Mike expressed their appreciation of all the help given to them by this and other groups in Southmead.
- 5. Cedar Lodge Kennels:** Mike reported on receiving revised planning application from South Glouc, seeking planning permission on reserved matters from previous applications. He pointed out that this was no longer an application from Knightstone Housing but from a private company. Plans were shown of the proposed housing layout and building plans, it was agreed that we would invite the agent to our next meeting. Mark suggested contacting Bristol Planners asking if they had any knowledge of possible CIL and S106 contributions being made to them as this development would certainly mainly affect BS10.
- 6. Financial:** Dave reported that the Wellbeing grant had been received, he had also been investigating the possibility of booking the Henbury Centre for future meetings, this had caused some confusion over the type of room required, Mark Emailed Marianne from to clarify the position, it was suggested that our May meeting be held there. Alan explained that he and Dave had agreed the fund the January issue of The Mead What’s on Guide, using money that was originally earmarked by the previous officers for a dedicated Web Page, as we now have our own web page courtesy of the The Mead BS10 organisation, and at no cost to us, the original money be used for this purpose. They also proposed to pay the same amount (£120) to the Henbury Community Magazine.

7. **Any Other Business:** Mark gave us his thoughts on the Council Budget cuts and its impact on the future of the Neighbourhood Partnerships and grant funding, he stressed that until the Council approved the 2017 budget nothing could be taken for granted. Mike said that there was to be a meeting with Tracy Edwards Brown who is now “our” Council Officer, on Thursday 12th January at the Greenway Café at 10.30a.m.
- a. **Pocket Park:** Mike had been in touch with Rachel from UWE who reported that everything was ready to go, but were held up until negotiations with the Council over who will be responsible for insurance are concluded.
 - b. **Southmead Regeneration:** he reported that funding had been agreed for a “Community Led Housing Project Manager” to be employed on a 2 year contract, to drive this scheme to the next level.
 - c. **Greening Grey Britain:** Mike also pointed out a scheme by the Royal Horticultural Society called “Greening Grey Britain” which seemed to be just the sort of thing we were trying to achieve with the Pocket Park, he would investigate further.
 - d. **Henbury:** Tim Parkinson had been in touch concerned about the use of the consultation of the Council Joint Spatial study for a proposal by Stride Bros to defined building 140 houses on conservation land adjacent to Woodgrove Rd, very strong last minute objection were made by local residents and the Henbury Conservation Society, Mark also pointed out that another site close to Hallen Close was also targeted. He said that BCC would be seeking further potential sites for development and anticipated that the above would be re-submitted.

There being no further business Alan closed the meeting at 7.30pm.