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LITTLEBOROUGH CIVIC TRUST

Committee Meeting

9th September 2019

Hare Hill House

Present

Ian Jackson, Michael Price, Gillian Price, Barry Cropper, Nick Andrews, Shaun Clancy, Daniel Ames, Julian Farnell, John Kay, Ann Stott, Frank Carter.

Councillors Present

Ashley Dearnley, Rina Paolucci, Tom Besford.

1. Introductions and welcome

The meeting was opened by Ian Jackson at 7.30pm.

2. Apologies for absence

Janet Emsley, Bob and Barbara Wetherly, Vivienne Ashworth, John Stanley, Robert Clegg.

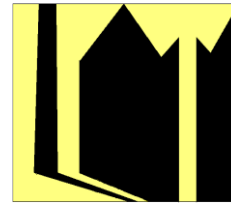
3. Submissions for AOB

Remembrance Sunday
50th Anniversary of LCT



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4. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.

Minutes agreed

Matters arising

Item 8. Invitation has been sent to CEO of Star Academy Trust

Item 14. Nothing to report regarding the request for a ramp.

5. Treasurers Report

Total £4071.28

FRG £880.51

Canalside Development Group £1277.82

LCT £1912.95

6. Planning application updates

To be discussed at the end of the meeting.

7. Canalside Development Group

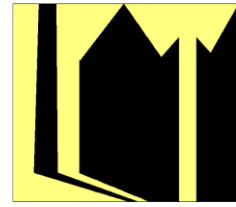
The restoration is coming along nicely and recent photographs will be uploaded to the website.

Thanks are due to Frank Carter for providing photographs of the recent dedication service of the bench in memoriam of Brian Holden. Any members who would like electronic copies of the photographs please contact the Trust secretary.



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8. Flood Resilience Group

Two banners have been collected and were on display at the meeting. It was agreed a further banner to be purchased for display on land opposite Todmorden Road (Many thanks to John Kay) The flyers and cards have now been delivered from the printers.

Conference call to take place on Wednesday 10th September with Helix Research and Evaluation on behalf of CUP1 to give feedback regarding the project undertaken by the flood resilience group.

First Aid Training in conjunction with the Red Cross is scheduled to take place in October/November. Date to be confirmed.

Initial meeting at Lydgate has taken place to view monitoring station installation. A follow -up meeting will be arranged when the monitoring stations are in operation and training given by the project team to show flood group members how to download data from the monitoring stations and upload to the project website.

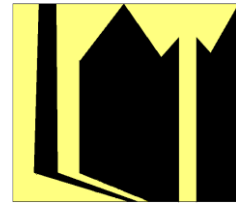
9. Save Our Greenbelt

To be discussed at the end of the meeting along with Item 6.

10. Hare Hill Road Car Park and Durn Marina

John Kay has written to Councillor Janet Emsley regarding an update on any proposals for the land on Hare Hill Road being developed to provide much needed car parking





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space within Littleborough. There is a meeting on 16th October where this issue will be raised.

Land at Durn has been identified as use for the building of 53 new homes. As previously identified this area was deemed as a possible site for Phase 1 of a Marina Development. As yet no planning permission has been submitted for this site but once applied for the LCT can raise their questions regarding the Marina Development.

A discussion took place regarding the building of the new Secondary School and how this would have an impact on traffic and parking issues. LCT should be aware of any development of this project and act accordingly to try to procure car parking spaces as a necessity for the borough possibly within this project.

11. News and Events

The Data Protection Policy has now been uploaded onto the website and all members have been sent a copy via email.

It was agreed that members would be welcome to advertise their own events etc on the LCT website/Facebook page should they so wish.

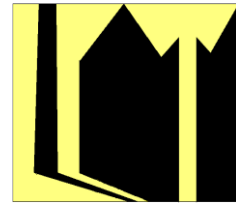
12. AOB

Ian Jackson attended the working party for the Remembrance Service to be held in November. There have been comments that last year was too militarised therefore there will be a slight change in format this year. An update to follow at the next LCT meeting. Ian has asked for volunteers to hand out the Order of Service on the day.



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It was highlighted that the LCT will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2021 and it was felt that this should be celebrated in some way. It would be ideal if a small sub-group of members could be formed to progress this to bring ideas together and also to apply for funding, if required, via Crook Hill Windfarm or Pennine Township, as appropriate. Ideas put forward so far are:

A booklet containing the achievements over the years

Flags on display in Littleborough to mark the occasion

An event of some description ie a Jazz evening or other musical event

COULD WE PLEASE ASK FOR ANY VOLUNTEERS TO COME FORWARD TO FORM THIS GROUP

The NWACS meeting in Bacup has been cancelled due to lack of response.

6/9 Planning application updates/EIA progress/ Save Our Greenbelt

The Committee/Councillors discussed the various plans for development that are being submitted for Littleborough and the surrounding area. There are concerns that plans are being submitted independently of the GMSF and that the area is going to be inundated with housing without any discussion regarding the infrastructure required to sustain the developments. Concern was raised that independently these developments could be passed without taking into account the bigger picture. LCT felt that there should be more public awareness of the degree of planned development and a press release should be made of the totality of the developments in the pipeline.

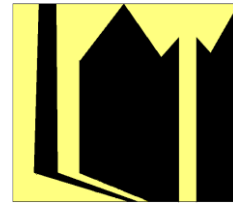
There are major concerns that some of the developments have not been identified as flood risk areas and also previous mining areas. There would also be a major traffic problem if plans were passed for the development at Smithy Bridge Road. These concerns would be raised by our Councillors at the Pennines Planning Committee on



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behalf of the LCT

The LCT themselves would send a letter to planning regarding the planned development off Smithy Bridge Road.

Nick Andrews was thanked for the work done on the EIA screening for land off Hollingworth Road. A response to this would be sent by the LCT covering all the aspects as to why they disagreed with the development going ahead.

Discussion also took place regarding the perception of the planning departments secrecy regarding planning applications and their lack of engagement with the public. A letter will be sent to the CEO and Leader of the Council raising this matter.

The meeting closed at 9.0 pm

The next meeting will be held on 8th October 2019 at 7.30pm at Hare Hill House.

All members of the LCT and Canalside Development Group are welcome to attend.



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