

CUDDINGTON, DELAMERE PARK & SANDIWAY ALLOTMENT PLOTS

Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Group held on Wednesday 14th June 2017 at Cuddington Village Hall commencing 7.00pm

PRESENT: Jane Theaker, Martin Wilkinson, Clare Gardner, Roy Miller, Cliff Ireland, Allan Griffiths, Rae York, John Faulkner (in the Chair)

APOLOGIES: Alan Bell, David Bruce, Adrian Crowther, Greg Statham, Nicola and Paul Hill, Sarah Fowke

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING 19TH APRIL 2017: had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved as a correct record. It was noted that there had been a misunderstanding in relation to the composition of the sub group liaising with the Site Manager. As a result it had been subsequently agreed that Alan Bell join the Group.

WAITING LIST UPDATE: This currently shows 29 and the list had been circulated prior to the meeting.

GOVERNANCE SUB GROUP: Cliff circulated copies of a draft heads of terms of tenancy agreement and an email identifying other matters for consideration. All 21 items on the draft heads of terms were discussed and it was agreed that this was a very useful document to base decisions to be made in due course. What should or should not be allowed on individual allotment plots for instance i.e. sheds, greenhouses, poly- tunnels, bees, fruit trees etc. It was suggested that part of the site could be designated for composting, waste, deliveries of fertiliser, manure etc. It was felt that we are now ready to engage in discussions with Taylor Wimpey/ Parish Council when required. Cliff mentioned the self- management vehicle to be employed, the choice being Company or Association. There were matters to consider under Allotment Society governance but at this stage an Association was favoured. John reported that he had spoken that afternoon to Stuart Craig, acting Taylor Wimpey NW Sales Director. Stuart said that they were looking to hand over the site in Q4 October to December 2017. From evidence on site this does not look realistic. However appropriate to arrange a meeting with Stuart. Agreed that Allan, Jane, and John would attend. For the record Allan is away 20/6- 12/7 and John away 29/7- 12/8. Meeting weekday during the day OK. John will arrange. When we meet Stuart it is recognised that the self- management vehicle, probably an Association should be set up, a General Meeting held and for Officers to be elected by the whole membership of the waiting list. They would then take control at which point John said that he would stand down.

SITE MANAGER SUB GROUP: Allan reported that Phil Reeves, Taylor Wimpey Production Manager had provided some answers to written questions posed. However, the answers were very much in accordance with what we already knew and showed absolutely no flexibility. It was felt that the important issues where we wished to seek more or an assured quality we should raise with Stuart. The number of separate water taps and the quality and quantity of the under and top soil are considered important. Allan has an extensive list of other issues raised by members of the waiting list and so it is appropriate that Allan attends the meeting with Stuart. The Site team are saying that completion of the building work at Eden Grange should be April 2018 which looks a more realistic date for the release of the allotment plots.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 25th July 2017 at the Village Hall commencing 7.00pm; PTO

If it is not possible to meet Stuart before this date, the Steering Group meeting will be deferred until Tuesday 12th September 2017 at the Village Hall commencing 7.00pm.