Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum



REF: PNF05Nov2021

MINUTES OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Heritage Project Review Meeting

DATE: 3:00pm Friday 05 November 2021

VENUE: Wheelers Farm

PRESENT: Geoff Geaves (GG), Andy Grimshaw (AG) Joy Sachak (JS), Ian Whittle (IW),

APOLOGIES: Pauline De Marco (PdM)

MEETING OBJECTIVE: To review the meeting with WBC on 25 Oct 2021 and with CPRE on 29 October to draw conclusions and determine how best to proceed.

ACTION	Ref	MINUTE
	1.0	Introductions GG welcomed everyone and thanked IW for facilitating the meeting in his home.
	2.0	WBC Meeting – 25 October 2021
		The following key learning points and conclusions were drawn from this meeting:
	2.1	Escarpment – The escarpment is incorporated in the WBC Core Plan through policy CS24. Conclusion – the escarpment may need to be removed as HCA priority 1 and tackled separately.
	2.2	Conservation Area Assessments (CAA)— EA referred to WBC starting CAA studies and suggested we should be focusing on CAAs in our area. Our comment that we had set out to assess all heritage assets in the Forum, and not just the existing conservation areas, went unaddressed. Conclusion — HCA Terms of Reference need to be reviewed and confirmed with WBC.
	2.3	Language of Conservation — It may be that Conservation Area Assessment equates to Heritage Conservation Assessment. Conclusion — inconsistencies in the language used by us in the Forum and WBC need to be investigated and resolved.
	2.4	Land Husbandry – WBC confirmed that within a Conservation Area land husbandry is freely possible provided 6 weeks notice of the intention is provided.

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	2.5	Correspondence Subsequent to the Meeting – Examples of WBC CAA documents were received following the meeting from TM:
		Horsell CAA:
		https://www.woking2027.info/supplementary/horsellca Mount Hermon CAA:
		https://www.woking2027.info/supplementary/mounthermonca
		https://www.woking2027.inio/supplementary/modificermonea
	3.0	CPRE Meeting – 29 October 2021
		The following key learning points and conclusions were drawn from this meeting:
тн	3.1	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty — Surrey Hills is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) currently under review to extend it's area with additional adjacent Areas of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) — see https://www.surreyhillssociety.org/surrey-hills-aonb-boundary-review-update/ for a summary explanation and map. Conclusion — AONB are drawn to a completely different scale and inappropriate to the Forum HCA. However the approach and methodology for creating a AONB could be very useful for structuring any landscape assessment in the Forum area.
JA	3.2	Local Networking – CPRE stressed the importance of networking with Mayford Village Society and Ripley Parish Council and offered introductions to contacts in each of these groups.
	3.3	Land Protections — In seeking to protect landscape areas within Pyrford CPRE pointed out that awareness of any land protections enjoyed by neighbouring land outside the Pyrford area could be helpful to making our case.
	3.4	Hedgerows and Dark Skies – In response to a question about the importance of hedgerows and dark skies CPRESaid that in the correct context they could be important landscape qualifiers and they could forward further information.
	3.5	Pevsner – CPRE recommended referencing Pevsner on Surrey architecture for detail information about heritage in the area.
	3.6	Correspondence Subsequent to the Meeting – subsequent to the meeting JA forwarded details as follows:
		Adobe Acrobat "Attached Document is the guidance document published by Natural England for designating AONB and National Park land. There is much detail, probably far more than needed for your purposes. However, Appendix I may be useful. It is little over three pages and outlines the types of evidence used

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		to assess land. If not already considered, some of the assessments might be worthwhile. There is a long list too, under the heading of heritage.
		A link to Guildford Borough Council's interactive map is pasted below. The extension to Pirbright's conservation area is adopted and can be seen on the map, however it appears the appraisal on the GBC website, dated 2011, has yet to be updated but remains nonetheless a useful document. The map extends to Ripley if you were interested to explore land / local plan designations on the neighbouring border:
		https://www.guildford.gov.uk/planningmap
		Another link is to CPRE's website, with information on dark skies and hedgerows: https://www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-care-about/nature-and-landscapes/
		Pevsner's book will no doubt list some buildings of architectural interest in Pyrford, including the church. It is understood to hold great sway with planners so would be worth sourcing. Surrey History Centre is likely to have a copy."
		Two copies of Pevsner were also made available at a tour of The Old House on 8 November and a photo record of the pages referring to Pyrford were taken.
	4.0	Conclusions
GG		The principal conclusions were that: 1. Terms of reference for the project must be reconfirmed with WBC 2. The consequences of these meeting s need to be discussed with David Bell and Jennifer Richards as soon as it can be arranged.
	6.0	Meeting Close
		The meeting closed at approximately 1700h with thanks for Ian and Hilary's hospitality.