



ROUND MEADOW WEM COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING PROJECT STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the Meeting of the Steering Group held on Tuesday 14 April 2015, at the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem starting at 5pm

Present:

Members: Cllr Bev Horsley (Chair), Cllr Len Staines, Cllr Edward Towers, Mrs Helen Pugh and Mrs Carol Clarke. Cllr Chris Mellings arrived after item 4.

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: None

SG14/15 Public Participation Time

None.

SG15/14 Apologies for absence

Cllr Peter Broomhall and Mr Neil Robinson

SG16/15 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2015 to be approved and signed.

The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

SG17/15 Project progress

Mrs Pugh advised that Phase 1 and 2 properties were now complete and in the process of being allocated. The 6 shared ownership properties were being marketed by Monks Estate Agents in Wem.

With regard to recent issues raised by a resident Mrs Pugh reported:

Loss of amenity – no additional comments to be made by Severnside

Drainage intercept – the Environment Agency had confirmed the ditch to the north of Round Meadow is not a water course. There were land drainage issues to be considered in any solution. One proposal was to plant a hedge. Local residents had been offered a meeting with Severnside Housing which was understood to have been accepted.

Soil Slippage – re-enforced matting will be placed while grass seed takes root.

Road safety – no complaints had been received from Church Lane residents.

Severnside Housing was in the process of investigating any breeches of the Highway Code. The Cricket Club car park was still being used.

Hedge by layby – it was agreed the Clerk would report it to Shropshire Council.
General discussion took place about the resident's concerns with loss of amenity and it was agreed that as planning permission had been granted the Steering Group was not in a position to take further action. It was noted that legal action would be required by the resident if he/she wished to pursue the matter.
Members noted that there was some confusion over the delay in re-instating the phone lines to Ash Grove. It was agreed that the replacement lines should be placed where access is easier but would take BT's guidance.
It was reported that the Meet the Landlord event had gone well.
The location of the VAS had been identified to be at the Cricket Club. It was requested that the location be reviewed.

SG18/15 Correspondence

No specific correspondence to the Steering Group had been received.

SG19/15 Resident's Group

It was recommended that an informal meeting of the residents take place soon. The Cricket Club had indicated that meetings could be held at the Club. Tricia Welsh, Neighbourhood Officer for Round Meadow would be invited to the next Steering Group meeting. It was reported that Cllr Cath Coppinger had been appointed the Paris Council's representative on the Group. Cllr Coppinger would also be invited to the next meeting.

SG20/15 To agree date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place after it was clear whether a meeting between Severnside Housing and residents was to take place and if one was to be held, after that meeting. The Clerk would confirm the date in due course.

The meeting was closed at 5.50pm

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