



Minutes

'Open Forum meeting 19th December 2023 held at St Mary Magdalen Church 7.15pm.

1	<p>Registrations - see Register</p> <p>Apologies Councillors Mitchie Alexander, Bridget Eastleigh, Tobias Sheard, Ashley Harrison at PMR, Russell Smith, Merrie Pryor, Kyra Davies and Arthur Smith (Committee), Robin and Patricia Berry, and Rev Betsy Gray-Hammond.</p> <p>Present 10 attendees including PCSO Lee Daubeney and Committee members: Debbie Annells (Minutes); Patrick Lowe (Chair), Anant Suchak (Chair), Jack Moxley and Manish Suchak.</p>	
2	<p>Welcome and Introductions Chairman Patrick Lowe welcomed the group and introduced Committee members. The purpose for the meeting was explained.</p>	
3	<p>Agreement of Last Forum Meeting Minutes The minutes for the last 'Have your Say' Open Forum meeting on 21st November 2023 were agreed unanimously.</p>	
6.	<p>Introduce Housing Needs Assessment/ Development consultation Secretary Debbie Annells introduced the concept of a Housing needs analysis as typically found in many Neighbourhood Plans, in which the Development needs of the Area are calculated. Originally CNPF had asked AECOM to prepare a Housing Needs Analysis but the Committee felt their data set was incorrect. The Committee had then used the dedicated Population analysis for the Coldean Area provided by ONS to establish the Housing Needs for Coldean, and based on methodologies in the Housing Needs Assessment Toolkit provided by Locality for use in preparing Neighbourhood Plans. A consultation document detailing the methodology adopted in the Coldean calculation and the policies relating to additional building of dwellings in the Coldean area will be released onto the CNPF website after Christmas for comment. In essence the population of</p>	

	<p>Coldean has not grown substantially (if we exclude Varley Halls and Bluebell Heights as separate figures), and there is little need for additional housing given the distinct topography of Coldean and the agreed Settlement area (See Map). Infill development and repurposing of detrimental sites ie disused lock-up garages on Rusper Road and Crown Land behind the Ruby could be developed for housing or other purposes, and would improve the Neighbourhood.</p>	
7..	<p>Update from Cllr Tobias Sheard Chairman Patrick Lowe read out the following email just received from Councillor Tobias</p> <p><i>'Hiya</i> <i>I am really sorry to do this to you last minute but I'm unfortunately going to be unable to make it to this evenings meeting, and as I know Mitchie isn't there either I thought I would quickly send you over an update of the bits I have been up to so you can relay them on.</i></p> <p>Bluebell Heights: <i>Crossing - As it stands, I have now escalated this to involve senior Councillors such as Bella Sankey and Jacob Taylor. This is because from the impressions I have gotten the impression that the works may be pushed back to a date after the 106 money meaning that the funding for it would simply disappear, so I am making sure that these works go ahead and hopefully I will get some good news in the new year</i> <i>106 funds – I have put in a request yesterday for the team that oversees the 106 money to let me know how much is left following the spending on some projects. Usually they are fairly responsive but I am not sure with it being so close to Christmas, hopefully I will have some news for you in the new year.</i></p> <p>Council Budget: <i>As I am sure a lot of residents are aware, due to central government cuts, the council will need to make around 30 to 33 million pounds in savings in the 24-25 financial year. The budget plan has not been made public yet so I am unable to discuss in detail what these plans will be, but as the council has had to cut over £220 million since 2010 I can almost guarantee that it will not be a fun or popular process. It is the consensus of the whole labour party that we want to be open and honest with our residents. So I thought it would be best to inform the forum of this factor now.</i> <i>If there are any planning points that come up in the meeting that you would like me to look into/ask to go to committee, or if there is any issue that you want me to raise please let me know tomorrow, and I will take it on as some Christmas Homework.</i> <i>I look forward to hearing from you soon, and I hope the meeting goes well. Sorry again for not making it</i> Yours Councillor Tobias Sheard</p>	

	Deputy-Chair Licensing Committee Labour Party Coldean and Stanmer Ward	
8.	Introduce Environmental policies consultation Secretary Debbie Annells advised that a consultation document on Environmental findings and policies for the Coldean Neighbourhood Area and Plan will also be released onto the CNPF website after Christmas for comment. In essence these policies consider policies for protecting ancient chalk downlands, Coldean Woods, tree planting and complying with the BHCC 2030 carbon neutral policy for the area. Comments for all consultations will be taken by email, or in person at our next Open Forum meeting now scheduled for Tuesday 23 rd January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Some detailed comments have been received on the 3 consultations released in November 2023.	
10.	AOB *Attendees confirmed they had read the 3 Consultation documents already released on the CNPF website after the 21 st November 2023 'Have Your say' Forum meeting but had no comments. The committee requested Members to email in confirming they had no comments as that is also evidence for the validity of those parts of the Neighbourhood Plan. * Hard copies of all consultation documents will be placed in Coldean Library for use of those Coldean residents who are not on line.	
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	Meeting closed 7.50pm	