

Sherford Networking Group  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
**6.00pm – 7.30pm**  
**Virtual**

Meeting Minutes  
Cllr Brown (Chair)

**1. Welcome/Introductions:**

Attn: Cllr D Brown, Cllr J Pearce, Cllr Pengelly, Cllr M Wills, A Nix, K Aldridge, G Barlow, K Turvey, T Brassil, J Talbot, A Tinnelly, R Darlow, G Small, I Sosnowski, A Murray, I Mountford

**Apologies:**

Cllr L Hitchins, Cllr N Churchill, Cllr M Chown, Sir G Streeter MP

**2. Sherford New Community Networking Group:**

Cllr Brown welcomed everyone to the new Networking Group. The Terms of Reference had been circulated. Cllr Brown gave the history of the Liaison Group which ran for six years and has now developed into a meeting about the emerging community at Sherford. It is an opportunity for members of the community and key stakeholders to interact. Everyone gave a brief introduction.

**3. Housebuilder update:**

AT outlined the below key points:

- Occupied homes totalled 508 at the end of May with 4 more exchanges and 2 reserved. The sales rates are low for the first quarter 2021.
- Open spaces – NEAP/MUGA and Skate Park are now all open. Details of the management of the tennis courts and all-weather pitch are being finalised and Brookbanks have been working with the Community Trust and Mainstay over these.
- The Sports Centre – the design code is being drawn up and Brookbanks are working with the Planning Authority and architects over this. Planning should be submitted by the end of the year.
- The design code for the Business Park is being finalised and the reserved matters for the green infrastructure have been submitted.
- The lease for the Community Hub is being finalised and a pack is being prepared for the handover. It was confirmed that a disabled parking space will be made available outside the hub.
- Area 1B is currently underway and under construction. Brookbanks are currently reviewing feedback made by the planning authority in respect of the current infrastructure planning application for Phase 2D.

- Heads of terms have been agreed for the Local Centre and it is hoped that a sale agreement currently being drawn up will exchange in August.
- The design code for Area 3 on the Eastern side is being worked on with a resubmission in September.

GS outlined the details of the Local Centre. This will be the area outside the School and a number of retail units with residential above will be let. A land agent has been appointed to deal with these units. The planning process is moving forward with a provider now in place. Consultation will be carried out with the School and there will be accessibility to the School throughout the construction phase.

#### **4. Community Trust update:**

JT discussed the plans for the Community Hub. The Trust is hoping to have a handover of the hub within the next week or two with the legals finalised and the handover pack ready. The fit-out, appointment of contractors, services and marketing launch will take place in August. There is a booking program in place and this will also be available very soon. It is hoped that a soft launch will take place for the Tour of Britain weekend. Service providers have already been showing interest with some provisional bookings in place.

JT has also been working closely with the Tour of Britain team and has been holding regular meetings with the community and School to discuss arrangements for activities and events leading up to the event. It is hoped that there will be a community fun day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September with bike races and the creation of a Land Art piece. Bikeability courses will also take place and the children will be involved in the lead-out parade.

Gina outlined how the imminent appointment of a consultant will engage the community in forming a Resident's Panel. A requests for residents' interest was given at the end of the recent survey which had a great response of 230 households replying. The data is currently being analysed and this can be disseminated at the next meeting.

#### **5. Resident's Association update:**

GB expressed concerns about Mainstay with regards the parcels which have been taken over. He believes there is little clarity over some of the charges being levied to residents and concerns were given over the annual Trust fee.

Residents are pleased that the project managers are making good the roads. The residents are looking forward to the hub opening. GB is also keen to know how the café next to the hub came about as he is not aware of any engagement with the community, and he knows of residents who are all keen to take on space for businesses. He stresses that the traffic is busier than ever on Main Street so hopes for some improvement to the flow through traffic management measures.

Since SHDC took over the bin collection in their area the system has been improving slowly but there are still confusing issues where they overlap with PCC areas.

AN confirmed that she has met with Councillors, residents and management companies to discuss the ongoing bin problems on SHDC side. They are putting together a list of ownership

for the various bin stores. There have been discussions about pricing up for racking out the stores without any extra cost to residents. She will continue to work with SHDC and PCC to progress recent work.

GB confirmed that the RA has now been disbanded due to issues with the constitution and covid restrictions. KT thanked Ian and Nigel for representing the RA and helping with ongoing issues. There is a group of people looking to reconstitute with a new forum once the hub is open allowing them to meet.

GB thanked the group for the previous meetings and having the opportunity to voice the residents' concerns and queries.

**6. Parish Council Update:**

KA confirmed that the Parish Council have been very busy with various planning applications. Cllr Brown thanked both Cllrs Hitchins and Churchill with their help in putting together the Terms of Reference for this meeting.

**7. Church update:**

TB discussed how it has not been easy to operate throughout the pandemic and a bulk of their work has been carried out online. He is excited to set up a community outreach from the hub with drop-in cafes and parents and toddlers' group as well.

**8. Members Update:**

Cllr Pengelly is aware of the bins issues and is happy to take it back to PCC. The Rugby Club runs matches and training sessions on the Playing Fields and would like to invite Sherford residents to get involved. There is a noticeboard where posters can be put up.

Cllr Pengelly is excited about plans for the Leisure Centre and the new crematorium which is currently being built. It will have two chapels and landscaped gardens.

Cllr Pearce gave concerns over the slow speed of the build-out at Sherford and recognised that it is difficult for the community to live alongside it. She is looking forward to the Local Centre being developed and it was confirmed that the planning application will be submitted by the end of the year.

AT is aware that residents may be frustrated by the speed of the development but assured everyone that they will be moving into Area 2d very soon to build out 750 homes.

TB mentioned that the School staff have had to deal with a lot of community angst over the last year. GS confirmed that the new consultant who will setting up the resident's panel will engage with the Leadership team at the School in their work.

AN also gave concerns over the behaviour around the Skate Park which is unacceptable. Residents have reported incidences but have not received a response from the Police. KT and JT did ask for some Police community engagement around this area, but they were unable to offer any help due to limited resources. Cllr Pengelly said that she would invite the Police at Plymstock to the next meeting to address these issues.



**9. Next Councillors Surgery:**

It was agreed that the next Councillors' surgery will take place in September and dates will be circulated in due course.

**10. Close:**

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.