

North Horsham Parish Council

Notes from the Meeting of the Community Land Trust Working Party held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at Roffey Millennium Hall, Crawley Road starting at 6pm .

In attendance:-

Alison Best- Dufour - Resident

Cllr James Davidson – North Horsham Parish Council (arrived late and extended apologies.

Cllr Joy Gough – North Horsham Parish Council

Stuart Norton – Resident

Cllr Alex Shine – North Horsham Parish Council

Cllr John Smithurst – North Horsham Parish Council

Cllr Ray Turner – North Horsham Parish Council

Pauline Whitehead – note taker.

*apologies

1. Welcome and Introductions to visitors

Cllr Joy Gough welcomed all in attendance

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Consultation Sessions

There was a great deal of positive feedback regarding the formation of a CLT from the consultation. People acknowledged the need for affordable housing and were supportive of an initiative to provide more. The main concern was where the money comes from.

Joy thanked everyone for their contribution to the event which yielded 123 responses and which successfully raised the profile of a potential CLT for North Horsham. Joy had collated a list of those who had expressed interest and a copy was held by the Parish Council. Both were password protected and held securely in line with GDPR. Those who had responded offered a wide range of skills including engineering, housing, landscaping, sales, administration and IT. Those who expressed interest were keen to see priority for key workers, independent living schemes, opportunities for teenage children and properties that were truly affordable.

It was clear that there was support from the community. A letter of thanks would be sent to Legal and General for allowing the CLT working party to co-exhibit with them.

4. Arrangements for Public Meeting – Tuesday December 10th at 7pm.

Sussex Housing Hub would send a delegate to give a presentation at the public/open meeting. It was suggested that the evening be relatively informal but informative.

Joy and the Clerk would work on the agenda and then circulate it for agreement by the rest of the working party. The prize draw would be undertaken at the meeting. Those in attendance would be invited to express an interest in becoming a member.

Alex and Stuart agreed to set up and clear away refreshments.

The Clerk would send an e-mail of invitation on behalf of the proposed CLT to those who had expressed an interest. Stuart would produce a first draft. Invitees would be encouraged to send an RSVP to indicate if they would be coming.

The meeting would be publicised on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

It was agreed that there wasn't time to make further displays or provide further publicity for the meeting.

5. Response to offer from Saxon Weald.

Whilst it was considered a good idea to talk to Saxon Weald as a Registered Provider partner, in due course, it was felt this was premature. Saxon Weald would be invited to talk to the CLT once it had been formally constituted.

6. Grant opportunity from Nationwide

The deadline to apply for grant funding was 22nd November 2019 and this was too soon for the group. This appeared to be an annual offer, so this could be used in the future. The contact details are www.Nationwide.co.uk/community, also UK community/foundations.org/our-programmes/Nationwide

7. Notes and discussion points from the Working Party Meeting 16th October 2019.

A Letter of Intent from Legal and General had still not been received. It was agreed to ask Tom Warder to speak with Sebastian Balcombe and Elizabeth Orchard at Legal and General to get their intent to work with the proposed CLT in the future in writing.

8. Result of the Parish Council response following their meeting on 7th November to the request for administrative and other support.

The Parish Council agreed a formal statement of support "North Horsham Parish Council supports the North Horsham Community Land Trust in their vision to provide genuinely affordable homes for the people of North Horsham in perpetuity." They also offered the CLT financial support by free hire of a room for their meetings and administrative support until a Steering Group is formed (from the time line presented to the Parish Council this was potentially December 2019 but it is now likely to be

January 2020.) including initial training, if required, for the administrator on the CLT Steering Committee.

9. Any other business

It was asked if funding could be found from other local trusts, if Healthwatch could be invited to the public/ open meeting and if local publication AHA could be encouraged to do a feature on the CLT.

It was enquired at what stage it will be defined who the CLT will help. It was suggested that this would be for the Steering Committee once the CLT was formally constituted.

The Chairman of the Council was thanked for his contribution of a bottle of wine for the prize draw.

It was noted that £165 had been spent to the end of October 2019 from the £1,000 allocated by the Parish Council.

10. Dates and Times of Future Meetings

10th December 2019 – open/ public meeting – 7pm start in the Chichester Room at Roffey Millennium Hall.

8th January 2020 – 6pm start in the Chichester Room at Roffey Millennium Hall. The CLT Steering Group will be set up.

20th January 2020 – CLT Steering Group Meeting – 6pm start in Amberley Room at Roffey Millennium Hall.

11. Conclusion

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

There were no recommendations to the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee, but the notes would be circulated for information.