

**Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee meeting  
held at 11.30 am on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 via Zoom**

Present: Cllrs P Moore, D Saunders  
Community members, Peter Lorenzo, Laura Scotney, Sue Wall,

Kirsty Holroyd Town Clerk  
Christine Chappell Deputy Town Clerk  
Karen McKenzie: Tree Warden

**260. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies with reason were offered and accepted from Cllr B Bayford, Cllr J Bayford and Robert Holden. In the absence of the chairman Cllr Bob Bayford, the vice chairman Peter Lorenzo took the chair.

**261. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**262. MINUTES**

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 8 July 2021 and it was agreed they could be signed as a true record at the next opportunity.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note**

**263. TREE MITIGATION POLICY**

Members received a presentation entitled Tree Replacement Strategy from the Council's Tree Warden. It was based on methodology devised by the University of Leeds to calculate the number of new trees needed to mitigate the effects of the removal of existing trees by developers. This work represents the detail behind Project Recommendation 2 of the Tree Policy and Projects recommendations document as approved by the Planning Committee on 2 August 2021:

*Project Recommendation 2: Tree Warden will develop the methodology [as above] for canopy mitigation for the species and specified number of trees to be replanted either on the same, adjacent or agreed site and share the methodology with TDC Tree Officer and LPA.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- i) That the Tree Strategy be updated to include this revised methodology & tables**
- ii) That the mitigation tables & methodology be included in the Neighbourhood Plan & that the Tree Strategy is referred to.**
- iii) That this this mitigation policy is adopted when commenting on tree losses in Planning Committee**
- iv) That members lobby for the adoption of the policy & method by Thanet District Council Planning Department and Tree Officer**

Cllr Paul Moore requested that a vote of thanks be recorded for the excellent

presentation and for the all the Tree Warden time and effort.

**264. COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Members were due to receive and note the Regulation 15 consultation statement from Breakthrough Communications, but as the Town Clerk reported, it had not yet been received.

**265. DESIGN CODE WORK-AECOM**

Members received a list of each other's comments and observations on the draft document.

**RESOLVED: That the list of omissions and petty errors be fed back to the company via the Consultant who should also be asked to clarify the difference between a heritage Asset and a conservation area since both terms are applied to Viking Bay.**

**266. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be called once the consultant has completed the next draft of the plan.

Meeting closed: 12:25 am