

## **Seething Wells Working Group Meeting Notes - 17 April 2023**

### Agenda Item 1 - Welcome and Introductions

#### Apologies

Mark Herbert, Charles Deacon, Cllr Hayes, Cllr Yognathan.

#### Attendees

Councillors - Cllr Scharper, Cllr Holt, Cllr Giles

Co-Chairs - Sarah Onions (chair 17/04) and Cllr Green

Community Members - Ian Wilson, Phil Renton, Hubert Kwisthout, Simon O'Brien, Roz Pritchard, Michael Chambers, Johnny Bouchie, Luicia Do Rosarion Neil, John Allen, Simion Tyrrell, Tai Li Ling

Council Officers - Tim Naylor (TN), Herman Kwan,

### Agenda Item 1 - Welcome and introductions

### Agenda Item 2 - Minutes of the previous meeting of 28 November

Minutes agreed

Note - Simon Tyrrell provided clarification on the previous meeting minutes regarding the cost of the site.

### Agenda Item 3 - Actions from previous meeting of 30 January

- a) Application for designation as an Asset of Community Value - **Charles Deacon has received a response which was unsuccessful based on the lack of public access onto the site. The application was considered thoroughly and James Geach (Neighbourhood Manager) stated that the decision does not preclude a further application in the future should circumstances change - complete**
- b) TN to confirm a date and schedule the meeting with Co-chair's and the landowner Cascina - **Meeting took place on 23 March - Cllr Green provided a verbal account of the meeting - Cascina welcomed the opportunity to enter into dialogue with the Co-chairs. Concerns were expressed about alleged disparaging comments, threats and abuse Cascina suggest they have received from the local community on social media. Notwithstanding, Cascina did indicate that they were interested**

**in a conversation about a development scheme that would encompass an element of enabling development, which may allow part of the site to be given over to biodiversity, wildlife and public access - complete**

- c) TN to provide details regarding the consultation on the TW Water Resources Management Plan <https://thames-wrmp.co.uk/> - **complete**
- d) Councillor Green to follow up possible discussion with Sir Ed Davey MP and Sarah Olney MP to discuss matters related to the RTS Development Consent Order (DCO) - **meeting held with Sir Ed Davey MP on 23 March action agreed - complete**
- e) Cllr Green agreed to speak to the Neighbourhood Manager, James Geach regarding a Ward Councillor grant to assist with the set up costs to develop a website - **complete**

#### Agenda Item 4 - Formal Recommendations Reoprt from the Working Group to Place Committee 20 June 2023

There was general discussion regarding possible recommendations to put forward to the Place Committee in June.

Initial suggestions broadly covered the following: designation as a local nature reserve; exploring purchase or leasing; pursuing the possibility of a CPO; requesting Historic England consider statutory listing of the current locally listed Pump house and other locally listed historic assets on the site; providing greater planning policy protection through the Local Plan.

It was agreed that the report containing recommendations to the Place Committee be deferred to September to allow group members further time to consider.

It was agreed that Cllr Green and Sarah Onions would prepare a draft list of recommendations with TN for circulation to the group in Mid-June.

#### Agenda Item 5 - Updates and discussion

- a) Sub-groups

##### Business Planning Sub-group

- Hubert Kwisthout stated that whilst the outline business plan has been prepared, further progress is now dependent on being provided with the right circumstances and conditions to move it forward.

### Evidence Sub Group

- Tai Li Ling provided an update regarding the successful application for Ward grant for funding for the development of a website which is now in progress to provide URL for the site. The website to be a credible, reliable and objective evidence base of information regarding the site and its history and contain the background regarding planning and community involvement. Updates to the website are to be provided on the basis of an independent website not assigned to any interest specific group. Tai Lai also thanked James Geach (Neighbourhood Manager) who has been very helpful in facilitating providing support regarding the grant.

#### b) SWAG

- Phil Renton expressed concerns about the quality of the work being undertaken as required by the S215. TN confirmed that monitoring of the work is not being undertaken by the Council. Cllr Green agreed to contact Anthony Knight (planning enforcement) to discuss the works currently being carried out and the dates of the required completion deadlines.
- Rhil Renton followed up the point made by Marcus Oxley at the previous meeting regarding having made representations through the consultation of the TW Water Resources Management Plan consultation.

#### c) Friends of SW

- Covered above.

#### d) Land Owner

- Nothing additional (not in attendance)

#### e) Others

- Sarah Onions raised a point relating to NO<sub>2</sub> particulate air pollution on the Portsmouth Road which is consistently reaching high readings.

#### f) Council

- As above - it was agreed that the date for submission of Seething Wells Councillor Working Group recommendations to the Place committee date is moved to September.

## Agenda Item 5 - Actions/ Next Steps

### New actions

- a) Biodiversity Action Plan to be circulated - **circulated 19 April - complete**
- b) The Report containing recommendations to the Place Committee deferred to the September Committee - **Cllr Green and Sarah Onions prepare a draft list of recommendations with TN and circulate in Mid-June.**
- c) TN to Provide a weblink to the Thames Water Resources Management Plan - [Draft WRMP24 Document library](#) - **complete**

### Ongoing actions

- d) TN to speak to officers regarding EA justifications about the herbicide spraying requirements - **in progress TN to follow up**
- e) TN to arrange for Co-Chairs, Cllr Manders and SWAG representative to meet with the appropriate contact at the Environment Agency (EA) to discuss the RTS and the opportunity presented by SW to act as a biodiversity improvement project - **in progress TN to follow up**

## Agenda Item 6 - Date of next meeting

- Monday 26th June at 18:00 - 20:00 hrs - Council Chamber, Guildhall.
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