

A – Stephen explains that he balanced the needs of the town and it was his recommendation. A number of material considerations are made. He professionally and objectively assesses them. The Members then came to their decision.

Q – A large number of meetings were arranged but purely to engage with the developers. More Councillors should attend these forums with a number of officers who could then appreciate the feelings of the public.

A – Councillor Eades highlights the Member Engagement Forum. Stephen explains there are two sides to every coin. The applicant in law can apply for what they want. The Local Engagement Forum is exactly that. The developer should begin with the local residents and then approach Planning having consulted with the Community.

Beach Master Plan – Clive Smith (Head of Leisure), with Councillor Judy Butt (Portfolio Holder)

Appendix 2

Clive also distributes a new leaflet and explains various elements of it.

Q – Terry Stewart is concerned that there have been a number of attacks on beach huts. Could this in part be due to the lack of CCTV coverage? Poole Council realises a lot of money each year from beach hut rentals and clearly the beach huts at Bournemouth have better security.

A – Clive Smith explains that he attends a regular meeting which also involves the local Police. He is happy to take on board Terry's question and follow it up.

Q – Mary Parsons – is pleased that Leisure is turning its attention to Sandbanks but what about Hamworthy Park and Lake Pier. Help is needed there?
Fred Winwood – we do have 1000 caravans in Rockley Park. Visitors use Hamworthy Park. Could residents be assured that the park will be given the same priority as the Beach Master Plan?

A – Clive explains the focus was the seafront beaches and their direct surround. Hamworthy is out of scope at the moment but is by no means being ignored. Unfortunately this particular project has had to draw a line somewhere.

Q – John Sprackling - will we be provided with detail of the monies we receive from current concessions as it is not currently in the public domain? For example are we maximising our income from the Branksome Dean Community Room?

A – Judy Butt confirmed that she would take this up particular question. Clive Smith explains that we are trying to be more commercial with our long term approach.

Q – Are we maximising car park income? Why is there a difference in car parking charges at various different venues in and around Poole?

A – Clive explains that he is talking to their colleagues in Transportation with reference to this

Q – Eunice Marsden – is concerned that more activities may take away from some of the quietness of areas along the beach. Will there be a balance?

A – Judy Butt - explains there will be something for everybody and this is why the Council is approaching the residents for their views. This is just the beginning of the public consultation process.

Placecheck, Alexandra Park – Martin Rudenko

Appendix 3

Nigel Jacobs thanked Martin for attending and sharing his experiences.

What are the planning implications of doing a Placecheck? Nigel Jacobs explains that it can be a street or much wider area. It is not a statutory document but evidence gathering for future plans and policies. If the evidence is gathered robustly, it can help planning officers, the context is then understood in planning applications. It is not statutory. Clear guidance can be obtained from guidance held on the Placecheck website; www.placecheck.info

Stephen explains that notwithstanding the Localism Act you can start the Placecheck now.

Q – The Community requires reassuring. Most of the houses in some locations are being replaced (for example: Brownsea Avenue). Due to some decisions made at planning committees being overturned. In particular when the decision is then passed over to an Inspector from Bristol who visits to make a decision on a particular planning application in our area?

A – Phil Eades explains that none of us understand why an individual from outside the area is utilised to make a decision but that is the current process.

Q – Ken Bearcroft – we should arrange via the Council that a letter is sent to Government to explain that an inspector from Bristol should not have the power to overturn these decisions.

A – Stephen explains that there is no appetite for a change in the current law.

Q – How actively are the Council promoting these Placechecks especially within the regeneration areas?

A – Nigel Jacobs explains that it is for the local community to pick up on these.

Q – Is the Placechecking system to run in alliance to the Neighbourhood Forum?

A – Nigel explains that it is the coming together of the community with a common aim or goal.

Questions and Answers – open forum

Q – Terry Stewart. There is an issue in ensuring that the wider residents are involved. How up to date is the Planning Department Residents Association list. The Council needs to be more pro-active in ensuring that the data is up to date.

Q – Councillor Clements. Explained that he only attended this particular meeting because Clive Smith invited him. Should more Councillors be made aware of these meetings? Why only attend by invitation.

A – Councillor Butt explains that a mapping exercise is to be undertaken, in order to construct one database. Councillor Butt will personally raise this issue with the Community Engagement Party.

Q – Tony Hamilton. As a community we are living in an unsustainable fashion. Do we take sustainability into consideration during the planning application process.

A – Nigel Jacobs agrees with the key point. But feels it is too big a question for the Council to deal in its entirety. The public should be pushing Government to a greater degree. The role of planning is to try and integrate a number of facets but unless national governments in a global sense come together it will not be achieved to everyone's satisfaction.

Q – Is there any potential for getting the business communities involved in the Community Working Group?

A – Stephen explains that a several meetings took place last year. Out from that grew the Poole Chamber of Commerce to establish a conduit into the Local Engagement Partnership.

Q – John Sprackling. Concerned that the legal team were not fully prepared in relation to a recent tree prosecution.

A – Stephen explains that from a personal point of view with regards to the commitment of Members there is a given in terms of prosecutions. Members agreed that there needs to be monies in reserve to help fund these prosecutions. In terms of the legal department, that question would be for Tim Martin (Service Unit Head of Legal and Democratic Services) to reply.

Q – Bill Constance. Requests an update on the status of the Pilkington and Gallaghers situation sites?

A – Stephen explains that the Pilkingtons application is registered. He is not happy with the reduction in the provision for employment within the proposal and Pilkingtons have gone away to think about their response. Gallaghers application was submitted at the end of December 2012. Further information was requested, received and the application was subsequently registered. Consultation documents will be distributed in due course.

Q – Mary Parsons is very concerned in Hamworthy about the feed off from the Poole Lifting Bridge; will the Council take this into consideration?

A – Stephen said yes.

Membership refresh

The following attendees expressed an interest in either remaining or joining the working group:

Wayne Hancock
Brian Appleyard
Graham Whitehall
Tony Hamilton
Terry Stewart
Mary Parsons
Eunice Marsden
Chris Allenby
Ann Wood

Contact will be made to confirm who is on the group for the following year.