

## **LECKHAMPTON GREEN LAND ACTION GROUP LTD – LEGLAG**

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT LECKHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2016**

**In attendance: Members of the Leglag Committee: Ian Bickerton (Chairman);  
Kit Brauhnoltz; Anne McIntosh; Elizabeth Pimley; Margaret White (Secretary)**

**Apologies: Malcolm Sloan (Treasurer) and Anne Davis**

The Chairman (IB) opened the meeting by welcoming some 110 plus members.

#### **Minutes of AGM – October 2015**

These were proposed by Derek Gott and seconded by Steve Kelly and finally agreed by those present.

#### **Accounts for the year 2015**

The accounts had been circulated around the meeting. It was explained that as we are now a Limited company, the accounts had been submitted to Companies' House and had been accepted. IB explained that this year's costs so far had been less than last year, but we had spent £900 on Court fees and £900 on Barrister costs with £400 for printing costs. IB then asked for the meetings approval of the accounts.

Grant McIntosh, proposed their acceptance and they were then seconded by Kit Brauhnoltz and agreed by the meeting present.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr.Friling (of Cheltenham College) for auditing our accounts.

#### **Election of Committee Members**

All members of the Committee agreed to stand again for the coming year, and agreement for this was proposed by: Jean Gott, seconded by Richard Kelly and agreed by the rest of the members present.

IB/KB asked if there were any members who might be interested in joining the Committee to speak to one of the Committee. IB also mentioned several projects where we would very much like help, for example:

**\*\*Help with collating evidence of local wild life sightings. Elizabeth Pimley said this is something that would be welcomed by the Gloucestershire Wild Life Trust.**

\*\*Assistance with updating our data base records – (three members offered help)  
It was asked if we could produce a leaflet to welcome new people to the area, that could be popped into doors and inviting them to join LEGLAG. ACTION; COMMITTEE

\*\* Initiative required to bring SD2 area into Cheltenham area and out of Shurdington/Tewkesbury. (One or two have expressed an interest)

\*\* Entering Leckhampton Walks book on the website and perhaps updating if necessary.

\*\* Other possibilities would be welcomed

## **UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS**

IB talked about the events of the past year.

**650 application by Bovis & Miller Homes(BM)** – The Appeal was rejected by Inspector Clark in May this year. Since then BM have asked for a Judicial Review, which has been refused, to which they appealed – which was again rejected – now they are applying to the High Court – which will be heard next year. (our Barrister, Ashley Bowes has attended each Hearing for us, and will again attend at the High Court). It is very unlikely to be successful.

### **SD2 –**

Our Judicial Review on the main application will go to the Court on 29<sup>th</sup> November. We with our Lawyers are in the process of preparing the necessary documentation. We are hopeful of a successful outcome. As explained in our leaflet we have an excellent team working together, Richard Stein of Leigh Day, David Wolfe QC of Matrix Chambers and Dr. Ashley Bowes of Cornerstones.

As members are aware, TBC and Redrow submitted a further application for a Spine Road, but we were given to understand that this was “closely linked” with the main application and one could not proceed without the other. In fact one of our members, Derek Gott, wrote to the TBC Officer, at the time asking if we should respond and the Officer replied that the Spine Road was intrinsically linked to the main application and there was no need to respond. (\*\*emails copied below) TBC later stated that Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council (LwWHPC) were approached to respond, and did not do so. LwWHPC have categorically denied receiving such information, as they would have put in a letter of objection.

By the time LEGLAG were aware that the Spine Road application was proceeding on its own, it was too late for us to include this in our Judicial Review request.

Subsequently TBC produced mysteriously a drawing, never previously seen, showing additional work to be done on the Spine Road – which if completed would seriously harm the outcome of our Judicial Review, as it involves removing a very important hedge, relating to the Local Green Space.

Our Lawyers have several times requested TBC and Redrow to agree not to do the extra work prior to the Judicial Review Hearing. They have refused. Thus within the next few days, our Lawyers are putting forward an Interim Relief/Injunction to the High Court in Cardiff to stop such damage being done, off the Spine Road.

Redrow are vigorously protesting.

IB explained that a member of LEGLAG, Jean Ringrose, has recently sent a huge dossier to the Office of the Secretary of State's office, asking for the matter to be further reviewed, and he thanked Jean for the tremendous work done.

A member asked if this document could be placed on the LEGLAG website, and with Jean Ringrose's agreement, IB said this could be done. ACTION: IB

## **JCS and EiP**

As all members of LEGLAG are aware Inspector Ord has proposed that Leckhampton be removed as a Strategic site from the Joint Core Strategy and that it be dealt with, within the Local Plan, so that in the region of 200 only homes would be built in Leckhampton. This with all other recommendations for the whole of Cheltenham were approved with just two objections at the CBC full Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October, when there were objections to the inclusion of the site at Hayden, Springbank.

Gloucester City also approved the Inspector's proposals, but when it went to TBC full Council, the JCS proposals were not approved, as there was much objection to Twigworth being brought in as a Strategic Site, as they said it was totally unsuitable because of real flooding problems.

The intention had been that the JCS proposals would go out for consultation during November and December, with the Local Plans, so that it could go for final approval early/mid next year, but because of TBC's decision, we do not know what the Councils will decide.

Ken Pollock,(KP) who has attended every Examination in Public Meeting, and most if not all relevant Council Meetings, has stated that if the JCS is not agreed in a short time, the Government could send in their own team to finish off the process.

KP also stated that the problem rested with Tewkesbury and Gloucester, as there are other sites that could be used, and thus should not affect what happens in Cheltenham.

The outcome of the Judicial Review at SD2 will strongly affect what the future is for Leckhampton. If the planning application is quashed by the Judge, then the matter would have to go back to TBC Planning, and all the recommendations put forward by the Inspector would have to be taken into account, which stated that she did not consider SD2 a “safe” site. Additionally, in the event of houses being built, they would count to Cheltenham’s requirement and not Tewkesbury’s. (which TBC stated they needed for their 5 year supply)

## **THANKS**

IB thanked just a few of the many people who have greatly helped LEGLAG to get to this stage, Councillor Chris Nelson, Council Adrian Mears, Chairman of the Parish Council) Ken Pollock, Mary Nelson and Derek Gott, as well as members of the Committee, without their strong support, enthusiasm and dedication, we could not have achieved anywhere near as much as we have.

## **AOB**

IB thanked all those who were contributing to our Fighting Fund, which is greatly appreciated, and also thanks to all those very willing volunteers, who deliver all our leaflets.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm – just five minutes later than intended.

Margaret White  
Secretary – LEGLAG LTD

**Copy letters: attached**

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**Subject:** RE: 15/00456/FUL

Hi Derek

No, we would not make a decision on the spine road before the housing application. Technically I think we could, subject to a condition and/or legal agreement stating that work should not start until planning permission is granted for the housing, but it is not our intention.

In my view there is no need for people to write again given that **the proposals are inextricably linked. Development of the spine road could not proceed without the housing being permitted.** It is almost certain that the spine road application will immediately follow the housing application on the committee agenda when it does go to Committee so the fate of the housing application will inevitably do likewise.

I trust this makes sense.

Kind regards

Paul

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**From:** Derek Gott [mailto:[derekgott@talktalk.net](mailto:derekgott@talktalk.net)]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2015 18:01  
**To:** Paul Skelton  
**Cc:** Joan Desmond; Julie Wood; 'Gerry Potter'  
**Subject:** FW: 15/00456/FUL

Hello Paul

I have seen the correspondence between yourself and Gerry Potter re the Redrow "Spine Road" application 15/00456/FUL (below) but would like to know if it would be possible for TBC to take a decision to approve the building of the spine road independently from the decision on the main development (14/00838/FUL). Put another way, could the spine road receive approval but the development get rejected. (Highly unlikely I would have thought.)

Also, would it be reasonable to assume that objections already lodged with TBC re 14/00838/FUL will be taken into account during consideration of the spine road 15/00456/FUL, or should everyone write to TBC again?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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