Planning Meeting Notes 22nd February 2017

Apologies – Jo Sargent

Present – Jon & Maryna Morris, Alison Bromilow, Kate, Steve Ware, Charlie Brown, Julie Morgan, Chris & Phill Chard, Don Alexander

Constitution – was agreed that this would be discussed & formulated at next meeting to enable something to go in The Bridge to advertise our group, also agreed that as we have no funds at the moment, but, will need to apply for funding, to use the Bristol Civic Society to hold monies on our behalf, which will mean there is no need for a Treasurer at this time.

Day Group – no further update – waiting for info from EA re position regarding Permit and BCC re planning approval etc.

Sims – Peter Westbury has advised that the storage planning application has been told it does not need an Environmental Impact Assessment, as these are now included in the planning process, we will watch for the plans on the website so that we can make informed comments, Don thought this might go to Committee for approval which would be open to the public

Wind Turbine – proposed in Kingsweston Lane – Accolade Wines – the company (Clean Earth) building this offer £8000 per yr to local community to use for funding projects etc. Steve Ware to invite them to our next meeting so we can obtain further information, as the company are attending other group meetings in the area.

122 Portview Road – change of garage to block of 6 flats – not concerned about the proposal only possible parking/road safety issues – John will respond on behalf of the group, but, members can also put individual comments if they wish to do so.

Costain/Hanson – Don Alexander reported that the plans for this have been approved, the building will be there for 25 years, he has said that he stood down from the committee so that he could vote, he voted for the proposal, but, has got this to include Dust Monitoring in the area, which will not only highlight any problems from the Concrete plant but also from other businesses nearby. Don advised that Costain will be paying for this, so the village will have money put aside for this work.

Planning app no 1605322, contact Jonathan Chick

This will create approx 176 jobs and none of these will be zero hour contracts.

Dust monitoring results – Don reported that Adrian & Dylan have confirmed these results will be available soon and fed out

BCC Local plan is due for review soon and this will be available for comments etc

Ambition Lawrence Weston – Mark Pepper has invited us to attend, and also he is willing to come to our meetings to offer help & advice, it was agreed that John would attend on Thursday 23rd Feb on behalf of our Group.

Christine advised that John Chaplin is happy to arrange a visit to the Port both Avonmouth & Portbury sides, he can do this in small groups as can take up to 4 people in his car, or if we wish to take a larger group, for us to arrange a mini-bus and liaise with him for dates for this to be organised – Julie has said she will contact Community Transport to see if this is something they can help with, otherwise Kate offered to see if she could help

Palletways – freight forwarding have invited Don to an Open Day, which he is going to and will report back any useful information etc.

Alison advised of plans at Wessex Water to replace old Storage vessels @ Kingsweston Lane

Planning App on old Sevalco site has been changed for the 24 mega watt energy storage – floor levels to be raised due to Flood Risk Assessments

Cross on St Andrews Church has been granted, although it is to be slightly shorter.

Real Time Information @ Portway P&R site – Don will contact Council regarding the lack of this as this is the start/end terminus for the route.

There was some discussion around the future funding for Forums/Partnerships in light of the Council cuts, this is something we will need to discuss further & link with the Neighbourhood Forum, it’s thought that areas who do not wish to have Forums may lose funding, which might enable other areas to continue, albeit with less input/funding. The Well Being money is currently also under review

John Morris proposed a letter of thanks was sent to Ian Robinson for the work he has done as Secretary, which was unanimously agreed.

There is a planning policy re parking etc on new developments, which we need to read and understand so that we can refer to this in future applications. Don will follow this up and try to obtain information for the Group.

Funding for communities through Wind Turbines etc – Kate forwarded email with information attached, which looks to be very useful

Nothing further on the plans for the Police station – 16 Green Lane planes rejected at this time, although possibility that the owner will appeal this

Next Meeting – 29th March 7pm @ Avonmouth Workman’s Club

Notes for next Agenda :

Accolade Wind Turbine visitor

Discuss what we need in Avonmouth & things we don’t need – use policy to help with this

Kate to email Avona local plan suggestions following their survey so that we can possibly incorporate the suggestions from residents that were received by them in our “position Statement” for our Constitution