Planning Meeting Notes 30th January 2019

Apologies – Don Alexander, Jo Sargent, Kate Royston

Present – Jon Morris, Alison Bromilow, Steve Ware, Chris Chard, Phill Chard, Julie Morgan

No Conflicts of interest were advised

Previous minutes agreed

**Robin Cousins Site, West Town Road** – this has been approved, despite objections from neighbours, but, there have been restrictions put on it, so as a group we will keep an eye on this

**Pre-app received** regarding Glebe House, McLaren Road(Former St Andrews vicarage) the plans were looked at in some detail, general feeling was in favour, as seem to be a good range of sizes of accommodation, flats and houses, look pleasant, some will overlook the park which we felt was good for both security in the park and residents to have a pleasant outlook. Plans include bin storage, parking and bike storage, which again is something we are trying to promote in planning apps. It appears that the majority of the trees willbe left in situ, but, protected from damage, only a coule of fruit trees may be removed. We have replied to the consultants saying we are in favour of his, but, would like confirmation the Beech tree in the grounds will not be removed or damaged.

**Sustrans –** we were expecting them at the meeting, but, they did not arrive, so unable to fully discuss any of the ideas that were being put forward, there is some concern regarding the possibility of making Avonmouth Road/St Andrews Road one way, as this could create speeding problems in the area, and concerns if there were events it could mean unable to have road closures. Possibility of moving the bus stop from outside the Co-op to nearer the Miles Arms pub?? But need to see the proposals, also concerns raised if they are intending to remove planting from centre of Avonmouth Road, residents are greatly concerned regarding parking and visibility in Portview Road, and feel this is something that needs to be looked at.

**Old Rowntrees site – Gloucester Road** – This is being used for storage,car transporters which was approved by Planning Dept., but, there seems to be some concerns building amongst residents re safety when the transporter vehicles enter and leave via Gloucester Road, due to the size of them and the tightness of the bends, we will monitor this, feelings that due to weight restrictions in the village, this could be detrimental.

**Local Plan –** Local plan more consultations before 28th March 2019 – Kye Dudd is now responsible for Traffic problems, we need to keep pushing to keep heavy traffic out of the village in the local plan

**Buses –** We have been advised that the 11 & 11a are going to continue until at least 2022, which is good news, the problems with the other area buses were discussed due to the lack of reliability, and this was brought up at the “links” meeting last week

**Wind Farm money** – this was discussed and it was felt that under the guidelines any revenue from these should be more fairly split amngst the villages where they are situated instead of by the Ward

**C.I.L monies** – this was looked at, but, we were unsure if we could apply and what sort of thing we could look to apply for, having looked at out “Local Plan” booklet, it was felt that under the concerns regarding dust and noise, if we could apply to have more trees planted along/near the Port boundary with Portview road, where there seems to be large areas with no planting – this needs to be looked at with help from our Councillors

**Royal Hotel** – this has now re-opened as a Pub, with living accommodation above, being run by a man named Norman, and is serving food, but, a limited menu at the moment, seems to be very nice inside, and original features still in tact

**Day Group visit** – discussed and felt the group would prefer to see the plant operational if possible – will contact James Day again to see what can be arranged, as yet, no complaints have been heard regarding this operation,

263a Avonmouth Road – planning app back in for this to turn into flats and bedsits – meeting felt we should object due to possible overdevelopment of the area with flats, more family homes needed, lack of parking facilities as its on the main road, lakc of amenity space for washing and bike storage, lack of bin storage provision.

**Next meeting** – 27th Feb 7pm @ St Andrews Church