

Manhood Peninsula Action Group

*Campaigning to protect the
Manhood Peninsula from over
development*

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Minutes - MPAG Committee Meeting held on 7 June 2021 at 18.30 by Zoom

1. Apologies for Absence: None

Present: Joan Foster (JF), David Maclean (DM), Julie Sabin (JS), Keith Martin (KM), Paul Bedford (PB), Louise Goldsmith (LG), Rachel Glover (RG).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved as a correct record

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- a. David Maclean and Paul Bedford's letter to Southern Water had resulted in the offer of a visit to Sidlesham WTW, which we will accept and invite Parish, CDC and WSCC councillors. **Action: It was agreed we would prepare a set of questions prior to the event.**

- b. Identifying Parish Champions: there had been a limited reply to the invitation asking for parishes to identify champions. It was agreed that as parishes become threatened, more people may emerge.

Discussion took place regarding the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment maps, which are based on 2016 data. New flood risk maps are due late 2021. As the modelling is out of date and the beach profile is not static, it was agreed to put leverage on District Councillors and to plan a press campaign, asking that no more housing applications be considered until the flood risk mapping is up to date. The Manhood Peninsula is one of the most dynamic in the country, existing housing may become uninsurable and mortgages for new housing may be unobtainable.

Action:

LG to take this forward, to contact Paul Cobin (National Flood Forum) and consider a zoom event.

PB to follow-up if necessary.

JF to get FLOW's documentation on Surface Water Management

Agreed to press for an exception test that no other suitable sites are available.

- c. Community Bank Account. Agreed that we will pursue a fiscal hosting website option. JF had spoken to a trustee of Oxford Mutual Aid who was highly enthusiastic about the platform. It was agreed that JF, DB and LG would

attend an introduction online. JF had asked a local accountant, also a family friend, Lizzie Faulkner to advise on its suitability, she would also join the introduction.

- d. Joan Foster reported that the donor who had offered funding for a research project had had no success. The possibility of using less prestigious universities was mentioned as well as approaching sixth forms locally.
Action: Joan Foster will approach the donor to see if the funding could be re-directed to a Conference in the Autumn. (same action to happen)
- e. East Wittering, Bracklesham and Earnley campaign – Stand up for the Witterings – Melissa Smith. A well-attended demonstration had been held in East Wittering on 22 May. Speakers included LG, JF and Pieter Montyn. Video coverage was shown on that evening's South Today. **Action: JF to ask a member of the Witterings group to act as a link to MPAG.**
- f. Research – All Parliamentary Group re Sewage – **Action: Louise Goldsmith was going to report on this, in her absence will carry over to the next meeting.**

4. Plan of Action:

- a. How to protest guidance – video and website: JF had met with Carl Pendle who has volunteered to prepare an easy “How to object” guidance video. In addition to work on a video showing the beauty of the Peninsula overlaid with animations of all the cars on the Peninsula on the two roads in and out., the increased water usage and amount of sewage plus sewage discharges.
Action: JF to supply facts and figures also to suggest highlighting areas of beauty and those at risk
 - b. Manhood Master Plan: It was agreed that a better title was needed, thoughts included Manhood Community Vision or Manhood Plan for Zero. Subsequently JF came up with “The Eco-Friendly Manhood Plan for Zero Carbon, Pollution, Waste” – further discussion required. An initial meeting looking at traffic and infrastructure is planned for 16 June at 18.00
Action: JF to put together an invitation list and circulate.
 - c. Silent Vigil – 20 July – details of this had been circulated
 - d. Zoom launch of fund-raising and master plan – agreed this should be a small start so that we don't over-promise.
5. Protest at CDC Planning Meeting 9 June 2021. Information concerning this had been circulated.
6. Any Other Business: None
7. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21st June 2021 at 18.30 via zoom