

Manhood Peninsula Action Group

*Campaigning to protect the
Manhood Peninsula from over
development*

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Minutes of Manhood Peninsula Action Group Meeting (MPAG)

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1. **Introduction:** Joan Foster (JF) welcomed 26 attendees to the meeting, she outlined the formation of MPAG and activities to date. This meeting had been called to formally adopt a constitution, elect a Chair, set a subscription, open a bank account and elect a committee.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Paul Bedford, Carolyn Cobbold, Rachel Glover, Doug Holden, Timothy Kinross
3. **Proposal to adopt a Constitution for the Manhood Peninsula Action Group:** 87% of those present approved the adoption of the Constitution. 13% abstained and 0% objected. Accordingly, the constitution was adopted
4. **Proposal that Joan Foster should be appointed Chair for the Manhood Peninsula Action Group:** Proposed by Jamie Fitzjohn and seconded by David Betts, Joan Foster was appointed unanimously.
5. **Proposal that the donation for Subscribers should be a minimum of £5.00 to be paid annually:** It was pointed out that the Constitution said £10.00 minimum. Joan Foster apologised for the error. The meeting agreed unanimously that the subscription should be a minimum of £10.00.
6. **Approval of opening a Community Bank Account with RS with three signatories:** Joan Foster, David Betts and Julie Sabin: This was approved unanimously.
7. **Election of Committee Members:** The following were elected en bloc to the committee unanimously: Paul Bedford, David Betts, Rachel Glover, Louise Goldsmith, David Maclean, Keith Martin.
Carey Mackinnon, Manhood resident, suggested that each Parish identified a "Champion" who would be a contact for development and planning applications. This was considered to be an excellent idea, with the caveat that if the Champion was a parish councillor, they would subscribe to MPAG as an individual not formally representing their parish.
Action: JF to check if it would be acceptable for the 'Champion' to pay a subscription.
8. **Amended Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) 2021:** A discussion took place concerning the changes to the HELAA. Graeme Barrett, CDC Councillor, reported that the Environment Agency agreed to have another look at the conclusions. Adrian Moss, CDC Councillor, reported that following the Overview and Scrutiny Meeting with Southern Water, The Environment Agency and Natural England, a series of written questions had been sent and the answers would be followed up by the CDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Action: MPAG to ask for details of the assumptions being made when producing climate change statements, flood reports and predictions.

9. Planning Applications:

Discussion took place concerning the help needed to object effectively to planning applications. It was suggested that identification of key policies and input in terms of defining objections would be very useful. East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council have written an excellent letter to Robert Jenrick concerning the Local Plan, which will be circulated. Carey Mackinnon, Manhood resident, highlighted the many errors in a developers' application, including the presence of banks in East Wittering. The point being that reading and checking all the papers is essential. This will be addressed by the Committee as soon as possible.

Jill Sutcliffe (Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group) informed the meeting of the Environmental Law Foundation (ELF), a charity. Their aim is: 'We help the voice of ordinary people and communities to be heard on matters affecting the environment in which they live.' ELF has been involved in a case locally to Jill Sutcliffe and they provided a barrister free of charge.

Jill Sutcliffe suggested that planning issues could be a project idea for students, which could provide helpful input and lower costs. Additionally, she is co-ordinating objections on behalf of the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group. Keith Martin, Earnley, said that the latest traffic report for Earnley cost £900. Their previous report cost £2,000.

Actions:

- Establish MPAG as a conduit for information
- Committee to consider how to produce a list of effective objections and relevant policies. Invite people to make references to the policies they believe are being breached.
- Steve Debecker, West Wittering, to go through West Wittering objection letters and record any relevant policies referred to.
- Prepare a map for the website, identifying Waste Water Treatment Works and where sewage is being removed by tanker
- Parish Champions to be identified and possibly linked with wildlife champions, being led by Jill Sutcliffe

10. Campaign Plans:

Joan Foster presented the Stand Up 4 Chichester plan for a campaign called:

*Chichester District – Our Place
Coast, City, Countryside: Your Voice*

Inviting all interested organisations, individuals to join in creating a future vision for Chichester District. 'Think big, think bold, think blue sky!' Design our Future.

11. Any Other Business: There was no other business

12. Date of Next Meeting: This will be called by the Committee