

## Knighton Neighbourhood Forum

### Conservation and Heritage Working Group

#### Minutes of Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2019

#### 7.30pm College Court Knighton

*Names of attendees are redacted from minutes made public for reasons of privacy.*

**Minutes and Actions:** The minutes of the meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 were amended and then agreed as an accurate record.

**Actions:** GW said that he would raise a question with the council regarding the listing of buildings. Report from working groups is on website. Other actions covered by the Agenda

**Main items:** The Chair welcomed PT (Planning Consultant). The discussion focused on the response and comments related to draft policies developed by PT. SB explained that the items would be discussed in order of the most protected to the least. A summary of the main points is listed below:

- Example and counter examples of good building. PT indicated this would be useful particularly emphasising good examples and what makes these special, design material and features. We should also include some examples of buildings affected by development. RA asked about green spaces. These should be included in the overall neighbourhood plan. Some features such as Victorian post boxes can be added but may not add much weight to the policy
- GW raised a concern about residents being upset if images of their houses are used in the document without consent. SB asked if ink drawings could be used and showed an example. This was thought possible
- There was a discussion about highways and streetscape but there may not be a legislative requirement to preserve these.
- Townscape was discussed and we should look at areas and define why these are special. It is not a recognised definition but in the absence of local listing, article 4 or conservation area protection it would be seen as a positive inclusion.
- PT said that areas identified as special townscape would have to be taken into consideration in planning and development
- SB asked if we should consider article 4 for special townscape areas. This was seen as reasonable and if rejected it was still important to have special townscape areas defined. There may be 3 areas of special townscape to consider, Portland Enclave, South Knighton (Elms Road) and Kingsmead Road.
- It was decided to choose one of these areas and identify some key features such as, relationship of houses to street, street trees, high grain detail to low grain detail around buildings structure, features etc. No more the 1 or 2 sides of A4 to describe these. Pictures may help.
- SB showed PB's appraisal as an example of listings or headings we could apply. Other examples were shown from the web

- It was decided that a walk would be organised around Grenfell Road, Portland Enclave and Morland Avenue area to create a document describing the special townscape. This would be based on key features and headings. This walk is organised for 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.00am
- The aim is to organise a subsequent meeting to draft the document related to this walk

**AOB:**

PT said the report on the Leicester Local Plan was going to the Council Scrutiny Group next week

AO highlighted the public meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov and also said the forum would be entering a Christmas tree to the Knighton Church Christmas Tree Festival.

**Next meeting**

Next C&HWG mtg-Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm, College Court Knighton

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**