

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum

Conservation and Heritage Working Group

Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 10th March 2020

7.30 pm Glass Meeting Room, College Court, Knighton Road.

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

2. Minutes and Actions.

It was noted that the walk around the grounds of Leicester High School Grounds and of the Wimborne Road area went ahead as planned (see below).

It was noted that DS was an architect in the city who had worked on the Pendlebury Drive flats. AA agreed to approach him with a view to a discussion and perhaps later to attend a meeting of the CHWG or possibly the full KNF.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Area Walks

Portland House. It was noted that one of the perimeter walls was listed but we were unsure which one. This was to be established. Neighbouring Portland Lodge had been used as a US army base and therefore the evident change in the wall could have been as a result of the need for access to the base during the war. Different design and materials being used to rebuild. Maybe a question for the local history group. It was felt that it was likely the wall with the 'central heating system'. A discussion was held about whether the school should be included within the 'Area of Special Townscape Character'. Given the open space, it was questioned whether the trees are subject to TPOs.

South of the Ring Road (Wimborne Road area). A long discussion was held again about whether inclusion in the area of Special Townscape Character – again not conclusive. We commented on [Address Redacted] and in particular the incongruity of design and building materials used. We viewed before and after shots. It was felt that the top end of Wimborne Road and Portsdown Road were intact. Simon to re-walk this area. We also discussed Shanklin Drive, Link Road, Ryde Avenue etc and decided a walk of these areas was needed (see below for dates).

4. Areas of Special Townscape Character.

See submissions on these areas.

South Knighton Road - RA & AA.

Kingsmead Road - This was considered an exemplar of the streets in the area. However, reference to and inclusion of the junctions with neighbouring roads would be necessary.

Pendlebury Drive Flats - RG showed photos and we discussed the salient points.

It was felt that a standard approach to formatting was required and then SB would send to PT for comment.

5. Leicester Local Plan

SB pulled out some policies relevant to the local plan. SB will circulate a document from PT on Section 19 of the Local Planning Act for the group to comment upon.

6. AOB

There was no other business.

7. Dates of Next Events

Date of the next Meeting – Monday 20th April

Date of the Shanklin Drive Walk – Saturday, 18th April @ 10.00am

(Note both of these were subsequently postponed due to lockdown.)