

**Oaklands School Site and The Glebelands Steering Group  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

	Actions
<p><b>1. Present:</b></p> <p>Chris Edwards - Chair, Shropshire Council (CE)            Cllr Ted Clarke - Shropshire Council and Parish Council (TC)            David Fairclough - Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council (DF)            Jack Parry - Christ Church rep (JP)            Tim Lomax – Vicar Christ Church (TL)            Michael Watney, Balfours, agent for Lichfield Diocese (MW)            Lucy Roberts – Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council (LR)            Teresa Lewis – Parish Council rep (TL)            Michael Lewis – Library Service Manager, Shropshire Council (ML)            Helen Lambert – Learning and Skills, Shropshire Council (HL)            Judith Espley, Finance Officer, Shropshire Council (JE)            Joanne Hughes - note taker, Shropshire Council (JH)</p> <p>Apologies: Mark Salt, Andy Goldsmith, Cllr Mal Price, Jane Kenyon, Rawden Parslow, Steve Law</p>	
<p><b>2. General updates</b></p> <p>Following the LJC in November, LR was tasked with putting the site plan on Shropshire Council’s website. This is yet to happen but it has been shared on the parish council website and will be published in the February edition of the village newsletter (no edition in January). It is showing on the parish council website and their Facebook page so is quite widely publicised.</p> <p>CE has heard no further progress regarding the local GP practice moving in to York House. Bids for accommodation/co-locating funding are being coordinated by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), due in by February. MW has met recently with Mike Howard and James Drew representing York House and they have agreed to add in their garden plot to the scheme and agreed remuneration. This is a positive step as it makes the play area larger and more accessible. Prospects and the Diocese are negotiating separately regarding some boundary and access issues.</p> <p>CE advised that the submission of outline planning permission will be progressed on JK return to work next week. JH to arrange a catch up meeting with JK/LR/DF in the next couple of weeks. DF/LR are writing the Cabinet report but awaiting some information for 10<sup>th</sup> February. It was agreed that the report could slip to the March Cabinet meeting if not finalised next week.</p> <p>Financial negotiations between the Diocese and Shropshire Council continue and need to be agreed and noted in the Cabinet report. HL advised that Secretary of State representatives have visited Shirehall in early December to discuss the selling of the land (and other education sites). They have requested a simpler submission which HL is sending this week. They mentioned that a</p>	<p>JH</p>

	<p>possible issue could be that as the public consultation took place over 12 months ago, it may need to be repeated. HL is challenging this.</p> <p>There is still some vandalism at the school site, but Learning and Skills department have employed a security firm to patrol twice nightly and some site clearance work has been undertaken. Once the Secretary of State office gives approval for disposal, the notice of sale will be displayed for 6 weeks at Oakmeadow School and the existing site.</p> <p>MW asked for design details of the community hub. JH will circulate with notes. LR will share it with the original 'Community Hub Working Group' from the parish.</p> <p>ML informed the group that as an interim measure, he is looking at reducing the library opening hours as part of his savings budget requirements. CE asked that this is carefully coordinated with the Cabinet report date to ensure the community perception is positive. Bayston Hill have agreed 'in principle' to take on the future running of the library service in the new hub.</p> <p>MW reiterated his concern about the current market for selling to a developer, however there are some encouraging signs of the market picking up in recent weeks. TC also commented that the adoption of SAMdev by Shropshire Council is a positive step in the right direction.</p> <p>Communications – DF will update the Q&amp;A document regarding a question that arose at the LJC about primary school places. There is plenty of capacity, but needs noting in the Q&amp;A. Mainly positive feedback from the LJC as a major portion of green space has been retained in the development brief and also a play area. The imminent construction of a pedestrian crossing on the A49 will alleviate the issue of increased pedestrian movement within the village once the houses are built.</p> <p>MW referred to the existing footpath that runs alongside the Oaklands site which will be redundant once the roads and houses are constructed – access will be improved.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>LR</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<p>Tim Lomax advised the group that this is his last meeting, as he is moving to St Albans in February. He wished to congratulate the group for their collaborative working. CE thanked TL for his contributions and time.</p>	
	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	<p>10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 10am in the Council Chamber, Shirehall</p>	