

**Notes of the Croudace meeting held on
29th July 2021 at 7.00pm
in the Parish Rooms**

In attendance:

Representatives:	Fraser Campbell (FC)	Project Manager - Croudace
	Hannah Anderson (HC)	Communications Consultant - BECG
	Craig Noel (CN)	Planning Consultant – Strutt & Parker
RPC Cllrs:	John Kay (JK)	
	Marcia Morgan (MM)	
	Gordon Sims (GS)	
	Richard Turner (RT)	
	John Whitlock (JW)	
RPC Administrator:	Gail Metcalfe	

It was agreed for JW to chair the meeting as Chairman of the Planning Committee, and he invited the three representatives to introduce themselves.

HA explained that they were extending their consultation to include **all** residents of Ringmer and the Broyleside with a deadline of the end of August. They said a letter would be going out next week explaining this. GS requested that a copy of this letter be sent to the office for it to go on the Ringmer Village News Facebook page. This was agreed.

HA advised that they had called this meeting as they wished to gauge what Cllrs would like to see on the West half of the land i.e., the open, community space. GS explained that any comments made at this meeting would be comments made by individuals as opposed to a considered comment from the Council. This was understood.

The representatives explained that at this stage they would not be releasing any information re. the land on the East side of the development i.e., the housing. The reason for this was, because everyone is interested in the housing information, the community side would get forgotten. It was also mentioned that accesses would come at the master plan stage and that this consultation was very much the first stage. Housing would be discussed at the second stage.

CN said that they saw this consultation as a “bottom up approach” rather than a “top down approach” – in other words they agreed they would be looking at the technical study but wanted to consult with residents as well. He said there was scope for a building, and he did not want the wrong type of building to be provided describing it as, “avoiding a white elephant”.

RT asked if this was a box ticking exercise and when it actually came down to it, what the community wanted would not be provided due to adequate profits. CN agreed that it was only once planning permission had been granted that the true cost would be revealed but he did not foresee any big viability problems on the site.

JK expressed his disappointment that they were going through the “shark route” as opposed to through the Local Plan saying that this meant that the issue of schooling would not be addressed. He went on to ask if the building mentioned could be a primary school. CN said that he would give it some thought saying this could be addressed at the “master planning” stage and that they would let us know when this was about to be launched.

A Cllr asked if there were any plans to meet with the public face-to-face, but this was rejected due to the current climate. HA considered the virtual offering to have been successful as it had given people the opportunity to view in their own time and return to it at their leisure. It was explained that hard copies could be provided to anyone who wishes them.

JK asked if it would be possible for the community land to be bought off them and if so, for how much? This idea was declined by FC.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.