

**Meeting of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum**  
held at the Woodford Community Centre  
at 7:30 pm on Monday 7 Mar 2016

Attendance	Present	Apologies received
Mr Robin Berriman (RBB)	√	
Mr David Buszard (DB)	√	
Mrs Helen Buszard (HB)	√	
Mr Paul Rodman (PR)		Corresponding*
Evelyn Frearson (EF)	√	
Mr John Knight (JK)		
Mr Paul Goodman (PG)	√	
Mr Terry Barnes (TB)		√
Mr Bryan Leck (BL)	√	
Mr Roger Burton (RBU)	√	
Mr Robin Brammar (RBr)		Corresponding
Mrs Dorothy Chesterman (DC)	√	
Ms Jane Sandover (JS)	√	
Mrs Jude Craig (JC)		
Ms Maxine Wood (MW)	√	
Mr Ron Beatham (RBe)	√	
Mr Alan Bramwell (AB)		Corresponding
Mrs Janet DeVeChis (JDV)	√	
Mrs Morag White (MWh)	√	
Mrs Doreen Neil (DN)		√

\*Corresponding members wish to be kept in the loop but cannot routinely attend meetings

	Action
<p><b>1. Welcome</b> DB chaired the meeting and welcomed those present.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies</b> TB, DN</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes from previous meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b> Approved.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters arising</b></p> <p><b>4.1. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: Discussion</b> DB explained that this issue arose from a plan group meeting. RBU noted that he has submitted a Planning Application for infill development adjacent to his existing house on Chester Road. There was discussion over what might constitute a conflict of interest with regard to preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. <b>Action: It was agreed that we all need to use our discretion over what might constitute a conflict of interest and that we should raise any issues verbally at the beginning of each meeting.</b></p> <p><b>4.2. Presentation to the Area Committee</b> It was agreed that there was a good response. <b>Action: WNF to maintain dialogue with cllrs, SMBC officers and MP.</b></p>	<b>All</b>
<p><b>5. Funds, expenditure and grants</b> RBB reported that the grant of £1,320 has been received by Avro Heritage Museum. Remainder of previous grant now repaid. Payment of invoices can now be organised. CWT have sent invoice for £690, it has been authorised and will go to Eric Wright at the museum</p>	

<p>to organise payment when TB returns. £510 of the grant applied for was for a questionnaire + forum meetings. It has to be paid out by end of Mar. The new grant funds will likely be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comms Team output (posters, website etc).</li> <li>- Consultation on policy options which could be in form of questionnaire.</li> <li>- Payment for WWMCC hire. RBB to get in touch with JC to organise an invoice.</li> <li>- Payment for hire of other meeting venues</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions:</b>  <b>Plan grp to decide on size of policy options questionnaire to establish cost</b>  <b>RBB to contact JC for invoice for Centre hire</b>  <b>EF to contact Deanwater for price of one off room hire</b></p>	<p><b>Plan group</b>  <b>RBB</b>  <b>EF</b></p>
<p><b>6. Communications Team report</b></p> <p>EF reported that the volunteers on the team included TB, JC, RBB, EF and DN. There had been two meetings to discuss ideas. The aim was to raise awareness of, and interest in, the Neighbourhood Plan and to encourage use of the WNF website either via home computer or Bramhall Library for those who are not on line. Proposed outputs included a flyer and a set of posters with eye-catching design prepared by JC and an article written by EF for the April/May edition of the Parish Magazine. Article has been circulated, approved and submitted.</p> <p><b>Actions: Proposed posters and flyer to be circulated around main committee</b></p> <p>Further ideas discussed in this meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prize draw for people answering our questionnaire. Prizes might be donated by local businesses e.g. Nottcutts, Budgeons, Olivers. Idea agreed to be worth trying</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Communications Team to explore further-</b> Involve forum members with a get together and then involve them helping with a doorstep questionnaire on policy options. The general feeling was that there may not be much participation in this.</p>	<p><b>EF/JC</b></p> <p><b>Comms Team</b></p>
<p><b>7. Neighbourhood Plan update</b></p> <p>RBU reported to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>7.1. Proposed meeting with Stockport Homes</b></p> <p>JK's note had been circulated round whole committee. The discussion included the following points:</p> <p>WNF needs to try to find out what is happening with respect to affordable housing and which providers will be involved.</p> <p>We may decide that the Plan does not mention it but we need to show that we have looked at it.</p> <p>The Redrow estate will include affordable housing. CT reported at WCC AGM that Phase 1 will include 14 units of affordable housing.</p> <p>The next PA from Redrow will include affordable housing but we don't know what type.</p> <p>Stockport Homes has been chosen for WNF liaison because they have additional responsibilities, such as managing for waiting lists.</p> <p>Stockport Homes will be fully briefed on the situation in Woodford.</p> <p><b>Action: EF to pass message to JK to proceed to set up a meeting with Stockport Homes and the main committee.</b></p>	<p><b>EF/JK</b></p>
<p><b>7.2. Policy development: progress</b></p> <p>RBU reported that policies under the 6 objectives had been allocated to individuals to progress, as follows: JK Development, PG Movement, DB Employment, EF+JC Environment, JS, Community, RBU Integration. Some policies had been drafted and work was underway. RBU explained some of the issues around integration, including: communication, connections, potential for dialogue with Harrow over how they might use the retail floor space, do we have any leverage as it is part of our NA, are there any advocacy policies we could produce?</p> <p>RBU noted that he had suggested additional Sustainability policies which WNF could consult over with SMBC.</p>	

<p>EF explained that, although Environment policies have been drafted, final versions await the Landscape, CWT and Habitat study reports.</p> <p>JS explained that she was making contact with local organisations with regard to developing Community policies.</p> <p><b>Action: Further work needed</b></p>	<p><b>Plan Group</b></p>
<p><b>7.3. Further consultation</b></p> <p>RBU explained that the Plan Group is looking at consulting on policy options via a questionnaire. This was supported.</p> <p><b>Action: Further work needed</b></p>	<p><b>Plan Group</b></p>
<p><b>7.4. Movement study: PBA presentation report</b></p> <p>RBU reported on the meeting. It was considered useful. Some aspects were raised with SMBC for potential implementation. SMBC members had noted that the Compensatory Mitigation Scheme may be a source of funding for some of the needs identified e.g. crossing places on main roads in Woodford. WNF may need to look at this now rather than wait until plan done.</p> <p>PG noted that there are also more ambitious things we could consider as so much is going to change.</p> <p><b>Actions: Follow up with SMBC?</b></p> <p>It was explained that a role of advocacy policies could be to suggest ways that some of the more general SMBC Core Strategy policies could be implemented in Woodford, e.g. maintaining footpaths.</p>	<p><b>Plan Group?</b></p>
<p><b>7.5 Landscape study</b></p> <p>RBU reported that AECOM are experiencing a lot of resistance from DCLG because it is not on list of things which technical support.</p>	
<p><b>7.6 Wildlife study (CWT)</b></p> <p>Now commencing. Expected time frame approx 3 months.</p> <p><b>Action: EF to contact Rachel Giles expected completion date.</b></p>	<p><b>EF</b></p>
<p><b>7.7 Habitat survey</b></p> <p>Writing up of surveyed areas underway. Field work will recommence when leaves are out again. Expected to be completed approx. May/June.</p> <p><b>Action: EF to keep working on it</b></p>	<p><b>EF</b></p>
<p><b>7.8 Footpath survey</b></p> <p>Looking for missing policy and if policy exists then they should implement it. They should produce an annual monitoring report.</p> <p><b>Action: Volunteers to complete surveys and write up. EF to organise.</b></p>	<p><b>EF + volunteers</b></p>
<p><b>8 Website</b></p> <p>JC had set up new shorter web address: <a href="http://www.woodfordnf.co.uk">www.woodfordnf.co.uk</a></p> <p>Members of the team reported now using it as a source of documents.</p> <p><b>Action: Further approved minutes can be posted.</b></p>	<p><b>JC/EF</b></p>
<p><b>9. CEC Local Plan update</b></p> <p>PG reported that CEC have published the plan for their various committees. The most significant changes are increased houses, increased economic considerations and new sites. A lot of the Plan is new. It has been discussed at a CEC strategic planning meeting, then cabinet, then council meetings. New consultation runs until April. All responses have to be put into a schedule. State what changes they will make and then it goes to inspector who will</p> <p>Need to respond to CEC and then again to the Inspector. Handforth East hasn't changed. Sites in Poynton have been added and WNF wishes to object. A major issue is the impact on transport infrastructure. A memorandum of understanding between SMBC and CEC on transport has been issued.</p> <p>The Engine of the North marketing company for CEC is putting on an exhibition at Total Fitness on Tue 8 Mar from noon to 8 pm because part of business plan is Handforth East.</p>	

<p><b>Action: EF to find previous WNF response and circulate.</b>  <b>PG to share his individual response for Poynton site so that we can add something to WNF response.</b></p>	<p><b>EF</b> <b>PG</b></p>
<p><b>10. Redrow liaison meeting 1 Mar 2016</b>  Various members who had attended reported back from the meeting. Carl Taylor had reported on delays due to: weather, ground conditions, drainage, and changed designs, resulting in show houses having to be changed. 3 months delay in the timetable predicted. First houses now likely to be finished in the summer. First residents expected around Christmas.  An application is expected to be submitted for phase 2 for 120 homes parallel to Bridle Road. Looking at an option of moving Queensgate School on to the site. One and half form entry. Virgin fibre optics will run from Poynton at some point in the future in addition to the BT broad band. The road works are also delayed. There will be a pond for attenuation of drainage water at boundary with CEC.</p>	
<p><b>11. AOB</b>  <b>11.1 Welcome letter to new residents</b>  HB reported that EF and HB had prepared a draft for new residents in the existing village to explain WCC, WNF and WWMCC, note other Woodford organisations and to include a map with photos of key locations. Ideas for a welcome pack for new residents on the Ree  <b>Action: HB to circulate the draft which may stimulate ideas for the welcome pack for new Redrow residents.</b></p> <p><b>11.2 Community Policies</b>  JS explained that she was preparing policies under the Community Objective and would welcome suggests for assets of community value e.g. grass verges  <b>Action: All to send any ideas to JS on special features to put in plan which constitute assets of community value</b></p> <p><b>11.3 Chestnut Trees on Chester Road</b>  EF and JS explained that a TPO request had been turned down because the SMBC arboriculture expert had found that they had chestnut canker disease. In the event of their death, the expert had suggested planting alternative species such as oak, birch, lime and alder in the grass verge. Options were discussed and it was agreed that a mixture of those species (excluding lime) would be requested to be planted in a line to form an avenue and retain the openness of the grass verge.  <b>Action: EF/JS to liaise with the SMBC expert</b></p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>EF/JS</b></p>
<p><b>12. Next meetings</b>  <b>Action: EF to book Deanwater Hotel for 4 Apr.</b></p>	<p><b>EF</b></p>

Evelyn Frearson 8 March 2016 revised 1 April 2016