

Meeting of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum
held at Woodford Community Centre on 3 Apr 2017 7:30pm

Attendance	Present	Apologies received
Mr Robin Berriman (RBB)	√	
Mr David Buszard (DB)	√	
Mr Paul Rodman (PR)		Corresponding
Ms 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)	√	
Ms Zoe Jones (ZJ)		√
Mr Chris Coppock (CC)		√

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

<p>1. Welcome TB opened the meeting and welcomed those present.</p>
<p>2. Apologies JK, CC, ZJ</p>
<p>3. Declaration of conflicts of interest None.</p>
<p>4. Minutes from previous meeting on 6 Mar Approved.</p>
<p>5. Matters arising Covered by the agenda.</p>
<p>6. Neighbourhood Plan next steps</p> <p>6.1. Proposed additional policy on local listings JS reported on the suggestion of the addition of a policy on local listings, which had arisen at the last plan group meeting. JS had utilised text from another neighbourhood plan, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. JS explained that Woodford has a number of listed buildings, which are mostly Grade 2. Local authority listings are Grade 3 and denote buildings or features (such as railings in one village) which are of importance to residents, who would not want them to be demolished. JS had compiled a list of suggested candidates. These were approved at this meeting. It was noted that the policy should be worded something like: "If a planning application</p>

is submitted, then”

Action: A policy to be written along these lines, to support the list compiled. JS

6.2 Meeting with SMBC

EF reported that a meeting had been set up with SMBC for 6th April. This would be attended by RBU, JK, EF, JC and RBB on behalf of WNF. It was noted that we will need SMBC approval for our policies and that SMBC have an obligation to help and to work with us. PG reported that the Neighbourhood Planning bill has finished Lords stages, and will then go back to commons. It is mainly about what you do when a NP is reviewed. A timetable will be set on 6th April.

Action: RBU, JK, EF, JC, RBB meeting with SMBC 6th April

7. GMSF update

7.1. SGMGB rally feedback

EF and others reported on a successful rally with an estimated attendance of 1,500 representatives of community groups. Good speeches had been made by representatives of SMGB (Steve Longden, Chair, and James Mason, rep from Shaw group), CPRE (Jackie Copley), CoVoP (Community Voice on Planning). Audience participation was loud and enthusiastic. Emotive aspects included a poem about Green Belt and a children’s fancy dress competition with a “Nature” theme. It was noted that Mike Smith of Woodford has provided the PA system which was very clear on the day. BBC, ITV, MEN and a number of local newspapers had reported on the event so publicity was good. Woodford banners and placards produced by CC were very noticeable and featured large in media coverage. A lady from Woodford [Beverly Meakin] was interviewed by the ITV and spoke briefly and very well about the proposed loss of the fields in Woodford.

7.2. Next steps

EF reported that the next SGMGB meeting was scheduled for 22 April and that she had feeding ideas suggested by PG to the team. PG noted that the next chief exec of SMBC was unknown at the time and that it seemed unlikely that a revised GMSF would be published by Sep 2017.

8. WCC update

8.1. Redrow

The felled tree incident

DB reported on the felled trees incident on the Redrow site. [The background: Jonathan Starling, a resident of Bridle Road first raised the alarm via WNF email. The issue was taken up by WCC. Trees had been felled which were marked for retention in the approved planning application. Redrow had submitted a retrospective application for an amendment, such that the felled trees were replaced with new planting which would be in the gardens of new homes. This was not considered satisfactory or sufficient in terms of screening, habitat replacement or reduction of flood risk by Jonathan Starling, or WCC.] WCC had sent a letter to Emma Curle, which had been circulated to all. There had been no response to date. Cllr Brian Bagnall was following up on the matter.

The blocked culvert problem

DB reported that the culvert behind Bridle Road had been blocked and there had been flooding to the adjacent field and gardens. It was now open where it crosses the runaway. The ownership of

the culvert is unknown. Johnathan Starling had reported the problem and was liaising with SMBC. SMBC had undertaken a survey of culverts in the area.

Piling alert

DB reported that some seemingly random residents in the Chester Road and Bridle Road area, including 58 Bridle Road, had received letters from Redrow informing them about piling operations, which would cause noise starting on 3rd Apr for 15 days. HB been in touch with the site manager in an email copied to Paul Sinclair, suggesting more appropriate circulation and an apology. The piling is associated with building foundations.

8.2. Church Lane/ Blossoms Lane

DB reported that Brian Bagnall had organised, via SMBC traffic people, a video camera survey. Cameras had been installed on Church Lane and Blossoms Lane to monitor vulnerable users (walkers, cyclists and horse riders). EF and Louise Shaw had alerted residents of Church Lane and Blossoms Lane. EF noted that so far there had been a good number of people using the lanes, including the usual carriage driving event on a Sunday and a duathlon event, which used Blossoms Lane as part of the cycle route.

9. Housing white paper response

JK had suggested that WNF should make a response and prepared a draft on our behalf which had been circulated. RBu and EF had suggested some additions which were discussed including:

- Note that some experts interpret the housing data as showing no shortage of housing
- Note the other social and economic factors which influence the ability to get on the housing ladder
- Point out that the Aerodrome development is not providing the size or price of house suitable for Woodford's needs
- Echo CPRE's concerns that review of Green Belt boundaries every five years allows more frequent opportunities for erosion. They are also concerned that inclusion of housing need in exceptional circumstances for use of Green Belt land will result in greater loss.

The additional points were agreed, except inclusion of comment about other factors which may influence ability to get on housing ladder.

It was noted that a response provides and opportunity to send to WNF thoughts to SMBC.

Action: EF suggested that the response could be finalised in the plan group before being submitted for the deadline of 2nd May. EF

10. CEC Local Plan update

PG reported that the consultation had finished. CEC had to provide responses to comments. The Inspectors report is expected to be published in May. CPRE have written a report for inspector. CEC will have put out call for sites to cover the 2,000 homes not covered in the plan.

11. AOB

11.1 Steve Morgan visit to Avro Heritage

TB reported on a visit by Sir Desmond Fisher, who is now chair of united utilities and once worked for BAe.

Harrow is not appointing another demolition company in near future. They would not be demolishing the flight sheds at other end of site in the near future. Hard standing is being rented to the national grid for equipment storage which will increase the number of vehicles coming and going, possibly affecting Bonis Hall Lane and environs. A compound will be fenced off.

11.2 Avro Heritage Museum extension

TB reported on plans:

- Work was just starting on an extension to allow expansion out to the east
- A planning application had been submitted for a garage

11.3 Upcoming events at Avro Heritage Museum

TB drew the meeting's attention to the following events:

- Apr 23rd: Classic car day (MG car club and Manchester Historic Car Club)
- May 2nd: A talk by Martin Withers, ex-Vulcan pilot, to mark 35th anniversary of the Falklands War
- June 18th: American theme day (Fathers' Day), WWII reenactors, helicopters, note 2,000 cars restriction
- Aug 6th: Avro Air Fair with Lancaster

11.4 Bodycote site

The current status was raised. It is believed to be on hold for now.

11.5 Bus services

DC noted that the bus services to Handforth and Wilmslow will cease.

12. Next meetings

8th May 7:30 pm Community Centre bar area

Evelyn Frearson, 21st April 2017