

**Meeting of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum**  
held at Woodford Community Centre on 6 Feb 2017 7:30pm

Attendance	Present	Apologies received
Mr Robin Berriman (RBB)		√
Mr David Buszard (DB)	√	
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)		√
Zoe Jones		
Chris Coppock (CC)	√	

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

<p><b>1. Welcome</b> TB opened the meeting and welcomed CC as a new member of the WNF management committee</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies</b> RBB, RBe, DN, DC</p>
<p><b>3. Declaration of conflicts of interest</b> None</p>
<p><b>4. Minutes from previous meeting on 7 Nov</b> Approved</p>
<p><b>5. Matters arising</b> Covered by agenda items.</p>
<p><b>6. Neighbourhood Plan next steps</b> The comments received from SMBC on the draft neighbourhood plan policies were discussed by members present. Issues included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Neighbourhood Plan will be more up to date than the SMBC local plan until a new local plan is prepared.</li> <li>- Woodford is the first NP to be handled by SMBC, so we are blazing the trail.</li> <li>- There is a case for negotiating with SMBC over their comments.</li> <li>- There are problems in defining policy gaps.</li> <li>- Need to weigh any benefits our NP may have in determining planning applications against the effort required to complete it.</li> <li>- Referencing to national and local policies was requested by SMBC. It was noted that this was intended and will be in an appendix.</li> </ul>

- Other options are available as an alternative way to proceed, such as producing an SPD for environment in Woodford.
- It was unanimously agreed to set up a meeting between plan group members and SMBC members with JK and RBU taking the lead roles on behalf of WNF, plus TB as chair of WNF.

**Action: JK and RBU to let EF know suitable dates for a meeting with Emma Curle and colleagues. EF to set it up.**

- Meanwhile, plan group to carry on with actions already agreed for preparation of the Pre-Submission Plan document.

**Action: Plan group members to carry on with work in hand (next meeting Fri 17 Feb, 2 pm, Centre)**

## 7. WCC report

### Redrow

DB reported that HB has made contact with Redrow regarding liaison meeting.

TB reported that there have been a lot of staff changes within Redrow which may explain the lapse in meetings. The Bodycote site will not be developed immediately. The care home is high on agenda and the PA for the pub. MEDS B will not be demolished in the near future. The second entrance is to be developed sooner than expected.

Regarding the trees adjacent to Bridle Road, DB reported receiving a letter from SMBC. This informed us that trees were showing visible signs of decay and were therefore cut down. Replacements are to be planted. JK noted that because there was a condition that the trees were to be retained, Redrow should have applied for change in that condition and thus they have not followed due process. It was decided that this is a WCC matter.

**Action: DB and JK to liaise regarding further correspondence**

### GMSF

PG reported that the draft GMSF was not sufficiently well developed for release. It will be a challenge to find the resources to log and read responses. SMBC will have new Chief Executive. The Mayor will not have power to allocate sites. What happens next is uncertain. The next version may not allocate sites but leave each authority to do that. The housing industry would support development corporations. Value is created by the uplift in value of land and a proportion of that has to go into funding infrastructure.

The massive uproar among residents about Green Belt was probably an unintended consequence of GMSF. There is much "noise" in the media ahead of the Housing White Paper release.

## 8. AOB

**CEC Local Plan:** PG reported that there has been lot of correspondence with the inspector. The latest consultation is about recent minor changes, it is not about previous work that has already been consulted upon. The increase in windfalls gives the Inspector room to not accept all the sites, but it is not likely that the North Cheshire Garden Village will be taken out. The Inspector's report is likely to be published in late May/June. The North Cheshire Garden Village PA will be a big undertaking.

**Poynton Relief Road:** JDV enquired about progress. PG and JK reported that it has planning permission. There were very few objections. It is now referred to Secretary of State. They have funding. Footpath diversions are the only issue which might cause an enquiry.

## 9. Next meetings

Main committee: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Mar, 7:30 pm, venue to be confirmed

Plan group: Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2, pm Centre bar area

Evelyn Frearson 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017