



Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

4th Annual General Meeting

14 September 8 pm, Royal British Legion, Moor Lane, Woodford, Stockport, Cheshire

Minutes

Attendees	Terry Barnes, Evelyn Frearson, Jane Sandover, Geoff Law, Mary Law , David Buszard, Helen Buszard, Kris Hayward, Prof David McLeod, Paula Mott, David Mott, Chris Coppock, Robin Berriman, Judith Craig, Mary Robinson MP, Stephen Robinson, Roger Burton, Dave Johnson SMBC, Dr Roger Small.
Welcome	Terry Barnes opened the meeting and thanked everybody for attending.
Chairman's report	This is our 4 th AGM. A huge amount of work has been done by the main committee and plan sub-group. Plan sub-group are constructing the NP document. John Knight & Paul Goodman our planning expert advisors could not be present this evening. Interesting year several distractions which have delayed the process of time scales. Cheshire East Plans and GMSF. GMSF needed a great deal of our attention. We also now have the SMBC LP which Dave Johnson will be outlining later for us. All this has slowed down our liaison with SMBC. Roger will explain

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	shortly about NP progress. We are going to press ahead with our NP and close to reaching the point for distribution for consultation.
Apologies	Brian Bagnall, John Mcgahan, Mike Hurleston, Paul McWhirter
Approval of minutes of 2016 AGM	Proposed by Kris Hayward and seconded by David Buszard
Treasurer's report	Robin Berriman – Robin explained that there was not a lot to report and it was as follows: £1914 spent £304 majority on printing leaving us with a balance of £1610 No grants have been requested or granted this year. Jane Sandover proposed and Roger Burton seconded
Election of members of Management Committee	This committee normally meets monthly. Terry Barnes explained that committee member and local councillor, Bryan Leck did sterling work for both the Woodford community and WNF and retired in May 2017. Terry thanked Bryan on behalf of WNF him for all that he did for us and that he was considered a great supporter of Woodford. Nominations for the committee: Kris Hayward proposed and Helen Buszard seconded. Committee voted in en bloc.
Close of AGM	8.15pm
Neighbourhood Plan Update	Roger Burton ran through the NP progress as per powerpoint presentation (attached)



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<p>Progress on Woodford Neighbourhood Plan</p>	<p>Roger Burton ran through the NP progress as per powerpoint presentation Progress so far. Policy Section (Environment, Employment, Community & Development), Village Action Plan (Movement aspirations, Integration aspirations & Environment aspirations and Appendix Justification and Evidence & References for Policies (Environment, Employment, Community and Development.) are all now well on the way and WNF is getting to the format stage and examples of same are on display.</p> <p>Next Steps – Approval of the pre-submission document by the Forum. The Plan then goes forward as a draft copy to SMBC for reading. The Forum will then conduct a full pre-submission consultation. All comments from residents and statutory consultees will be noted and the Plan amended if necessary. When all this is done the Plan will be submitted to SMBC Under Regulation 14 of Neighbourhood Planning. At that point SMBC take over. If SMBC finds it meets all the legal requirements etc it will go forward for a 6week consultation period which they will organise. An independent examiner will also be appointed. If examiner is happy the Plan then goes to the community for referendum. If the result (over 50% of the votes) is in favour, the Plan will then be made.</p>
<p>Cheshire East Council (CEC) Local Plan update</p>	<p>Evelyn explained that we were involved in responding to the Cheshire East Council (CEC) local plan which was sadly all to no avail. The CEC plan was adopted in July 2017. It includes provision for an estimated housing need of 36,000 units in the</p>

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	<p>plan period. This includes the North Cheshire Growth Village in Handforth for 1500 new dwellings right next door to Woodford. Poynton is to get 650 new homes . Planning Applications are now rapidly being submitted. John Knight is advising people on objections. CEC have admitted to issuing false air pollution figures. A Judicial Review has been applied for by Muller Property re air pollution figures</p>
Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) update	<p>Over 26,000 comments regarding the proposed GMSF were received from the whole of the Greater Manchester region. Approx. 2800 were from Stockport. Paul Dennett (Mayor of Salford) will be overseeing the rewrite of GMSF and publication of same is expected in June 2018. All issues are being logged and SMBC have done about 60 – 70% of comments pertaining to Stockport logged so far. Analysis will be made for the combined authority. DCLG have published their housing needs and figures have put in for each district. The figure for Stockport seems to remain the same. (19300K ish) Mary Robinson commented that the Secretary of State Sajid Javid announced today the new Housing Needs statement. Mary Robinson explained that such assessments are always open to challenge. A hard copy of the statement has been provided and she urged the floor to go on line and read the statement. Para 94 is especially significant to NPs. The current SMBC local plan is the 2011 version and therefore out of date. The “Devil is in the detail” but please take part in the consultation. Mary advised that we need to get the Plan into the submission phase as soon as possible.</p>



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SGMGB	Evelyn Frearson explained “Save Greater Mcr’s Green Belt”. This is a fully constituted organisation, there are 40 member groups including Woodford and Its main focus is to keep the pressure on GMSF about the protection of greenbelt in the area. Positive interaction is occurring between the member groups. Save Woodford’s Greenbelt’s facebook page is @woodfordgreenbelt
SMBC Local Plan Consultation	<p>David Johnston from SMBC announced that the Local Plan consultation period is 27th July – 8th October. The next Consultation event is on Sat 16th Sept 10am – noon. Key issue. GMSF will have to be parked to one side for the time being. It will be a bottom up consultation and David distributed a postcard which explained how one can make comments (online preferably). Somebody will be present at consultation events to discuss SEMMMS. The turnouts so far have been very energetic.</p> <p>SEMMMS –refresh strategy up to 2040, This refresh is aiming to finish all Stockport related stuff by Spring 2018. Cross boundary matters are not being dealt with yet. A further Draft Plan will be issued which will be after next GMSF interaction (June 2018) SMBC are keen for this to be not too far behind GMSF.</p> <p>Questions from the floor Will the Stockport Local Plan cooperate with CHES East Council?</p>



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Reply - We think it highly unlikely that Cheshire East Council will take any of Stockport's housing needs

Chris Coppock asked about the Housing Needs Assessment for the area. David Johnston advised that it's best addressed via GMSF.

How many houses have been built in recent years.?

Reply - 2011 -2015 1658 built target 2385 shortfall of 727 SMBC encouraged use of Brownfield land.

J. Craig asked How does airfield build fit into that shortfall ?

Reply – (Mary Robinson) Good question but the answer is we don't know.

J Craig - How much planning permission has been given and not been built?

Reply Mary Robinson) - That work is being looked at. More powers are to be given to the combined authority in order to, in effect, prevent future land banking.

David Johnston - In relation to airfield shortfall – Through GMSF, developers must meet requirements that will enhance kick-starting completion of development.

More information will be available as to how developments will be delivered.

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Jane Sandover explained that she went to Heald Green LP consultation meeting on Tuesday.

It was revealed that available sites in Stockport are all small in size, there are very few windfall sites. Stockport has a call for sites and as a result there are 250 sites to appraise. SMBC does not have enough employment land. Housing is their biggest priority.

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