

Meeting of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum
held at Deanwater Hotel 13th February 2019 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 Roger Burton (RBu)		√
Mrs Dorothy Chesterman (DC)		√
Ms Jane Sandover (JS)	√	
Mrs Jude Craig (JC)		
Ms Maxine Wood (MW)	√	
Mrs Janet DeVeichis (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

1. Welcome
TB opened the meeting and welcomed those present
2. Apologies
RBB, RBu, DN, DC
3. Declaration of conflicts of interest
None.
4. Minutes from previous meeting on 30 August 2018
Approved.
5. Matters Arising
All on the agenda.
6. Neighbourhood Plan Examination
Concerned was expressed about the delay in the start of the examination due to a problem with procurement in SMBC. EF to liaise with Steve Johnson to discover the proposed timetable through council meetings.
Action: EF to liaise with SJ
7. GMSF
7.1. SMBC briefing meeting for Neighbourhood Forums
EF had circulated notes of the meeting and gave a brief report.
EF had queried the Government's approach to Local Housing Need (LHN) and whether the plans were flexible should Government advice change. Emma Curle had explained that GMSF is being developed in an iterative way and that any change to Local Housing Need would be reflected at the next stage of preparation of the Plan.

EF and JC had pointed out that the Woodford allocation included the Avro Golf Course and had been told by Emma Curle that outer boundary did not indicate that all the area within it would be used for housing.

EF and JC had reported to the meeting that we had not received much feedback to date from residents on the new proposal but the general feeling on the committee was that it was much less bad than the former GMSF proposal for Woodford. Richard Jones for High Lane noted that their team was very annoyed about the proposed new station as they had wanted a different site. Although the housing numbers were much reduced from 4,000 to 500, High Lane residents were still very unhappy about the new proposals.

7.2. SGMGB meeting with Andy Burnham and Anne Morgan

EF and JS had attended this meeting and reported back. It had been a constructive meeting. Each group had been able to send two representatives. AB and AM were attentive and aiming to be helpful. Many of Woodford's questions were asked either by EF or the Chair of the meeting. For site specific questions, it was suggested that these should be submitted to the GMCA in writing for written answers.

EF has written up and circulated notes.

7.3. Reactions of other communities around GM and protests

EF reported that even more protest groups had formed and joined SGMGB because the revised GMSF included more Green Belt site with smaller allocations. There was shock and anger. More protests were planned with a day of action on 3rd March which included marches from several surrounding villages to converge on. EF and CC intended to join in.

7.4. SMBC drop-in sessions

It was agreed that WNF should have a presence during the Woodford session to talk to people and hear their reactions to the revised GMSF.

Action: EF to organise a table and volunteers

7.5. Discussions with Jackie Copley of CPRE

CC reported that he had seen a template response published by the Woodland Trust for members. He had been in touch with Jackie Copley of CPRE. A meeting was being set up with CC, EF and Jackie Copley to discuss a template response from CPRE to GMSF to help members.

7.6. WNF response to GMSF

There was a discussion about our reactions to the revised proposal. Attendees felt great relief that the former proposal had been removed and that, while the current proposal for 750 new dwellings on the aerodrome was certainly not ideal, it was a lot better.

PG pointed out that the new proposal for Woodford was not sustainable and objections included:

- It represented a bottom up doc, least worst, approach
- Transport projects were not realistic.
- It was not an integrated plan.
- 950 houses is the limit to the numbers from a highways point of view.
- It doesn't address current housing issues.

Action: PG to produce stab point to aid EF in construction of a formal WNF response

AOB

WWMCC

EF and MW reported that there had been a serious water leak. There were problems getting United Utilities to respond. WWMCC is a business so liable for the costs apart from reduction of 40% of sewage costs. It had not been possible to complete the accounts for the AGM so there was to be a SGM on 25th March. Attendance encouraged to achieve a quorum.

Avro Heritage Update

TB reported that the extension was progressing well . Raising £5million. Getting other aircraft e.g. Shackelton. They would be housed in a glass domed building, which would be of architectural interest. They have a VR of a 1943 bombing raid, lasting 15mins.

Hazelbadge Road, Poynton development

PG reported that the PA for land Hazeldbadge was going to committee in 2 weeks. As it is part of the CEC Local Plan, CEhave to approve it.

8. Next meeting

Proposed meeting on 28th February 2019 meeting cancelled. Next meeting to be announced

Evelyn Frearson 21 July 2019