



## Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

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### Minutes of Meeting of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Management Committee

Held at Hunters, Church Lane, Woodford at 2:30 pm on 27th February 2020

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)	√	
Ms Jane Sandover (JS)	√	
Mrs Jude Craig (JC)	√	
Ms Maxine Wood (MW)		√
Mrs Janet DeVeichis (JDV)	√	
Mrs Doreen Neil (DN)		Corresponding*
Ms Zoe Jones (ZJ)	√	
Mr Chris Coppock (CC)		Corresponding*

\*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

DB, DN, MW.

JDV reported that she had heard that Dorothy Chesterman had died last year. The committee expressed shock and sadness at this news.

#### 3. Declaration of conflicts of interest

JS suggested that she left the room during discussion of the 443 Chester Road PA due to conflict of interest.

#### 4. Minutes from previous meeting on 27 Nov 2019

Approved.

#### 5. Matters arising

- All to think about future funding opportunities.  
Ongoing
- EF to draft WNF responses and track down SMBC comments on PAs.  
Ongoing
- EF to continue to update the spreadsheet of responses to planning applications.  
Done
- Committee to follow up on aspiration ideas.  
Ongoing

## **6. Financial update**

No change from last meeting.

## **7. A Stockport Local Plan call for sites**

It was agreed to submit Open spaces as in WNP.

**Action:** EF

## **8. Report from Stockport Forums meeting 30 January 2019**

EF and JC reported back from the meeting. Key points included:

- Stockport Local Plan and GMSF are linked.
- GMSF is progressing as a Joint Development Plan.
- LP adds more detail to GMSF strategy.
- They aim to consult simultaneously.
- Expect to have to use 2014 ONS figures.
- Currently examining the consultation responses and allocations for preparation of revised draft GMSF.
- Looking at how the LA can extract funds from development to fund schools, health facilities etc.
- SHLAA will extend for the full plan period.
- Aiming to go to full council meeting in June/July.
- The High Lane NP had arrived at regulation 14.
- The Marple team had a consultant review their draft plan. He concluded that more work was needed on policies to remove duplication and topics that are not planning issues.
- Mellor had grant funding. Their priority is a producing website. Intending to emulate WNP because we have a similar location and issues.

## **9. WNF responses to planning applications**

### **SMBC request to limit response to WNP policies**

EF reported that Steve Johnson passed message on from planning officers that they would prefer WNF responses to be restricted to assessment against WNF policies. It was agreed that we would address WNF policies first and include assessment against relevant Stockport and NPPF policies for contentious planning applications.

### **Planning issues arising (10 Jenny Lane, Accessibility, Raising awareness of WNP among planning agents, SMBC withholding planning advice given to applicants)**

EF reported that SJ explained that 10 Jenny was permitted because it is not a stand-alone dwelling but part of the original.

There was a discussion about whether accessibility is still a criterion used by SMBC, how best to address the lack of awareness of WNP among planning agents and whether it is correct for SMBC to withhold advice they have given to applicants?

### **Recent applications (Chrome, 443 Chester Road, 220 Woodford Road, Threeways Farm)**

- Chrome: WNF submitted objections based on loss of residential amenity, lack of accessibility, lack of sustainability and traffic and parking.
- 443 Chester Road: WNF submitted response saying it did not comply with criteria for infill.

- 220 Woodford Road: PA had been revised a little. WNF submitted “no comments”.
- Threeways Farm barn conversion and small extension: It was agreed that it was in keeping with the character the extension would not be visible from the road. WNF had submitted a reminder about natural features, enhancing biodiversity and asked for compliance with conditions about nesting places for swallows.

**Reference to WNP in Planning Applications**

- There was a discussion about the lack of reference to the WNP in the supporting documents associated with many planning applications and how this could be rectified. It was agreed that EF would draft a letter to the SMBC planning officers pointed out that this was an issue.

**Action:** EF to draft a letter and circulate it for approval.

**10. Updating Forum members and WCC committee**

- It was agreed that WCC committee members would be copied in on emails concerning WNF responses to planning applications.
- There was a discussion about how frequently and how much detail we should we supply to WNF members. It was agreed that a table on the website summarising our responses would be helpful. Members could then be sent the link.

**Action:** EF and JC

**11. Monitoring**

- It was agreed that we should download the reports packs supplied by officers for Area Committee selectively for key PAs to control workload.
- It was agreed that it important that a representative of the committee should attend Area Committee meetings when we had submitted comments on PAs that were to be discussed. A rota should be prepared to share out the load for attendance.

**Action:** EF, JS, JC

**12. Implementing WNP policies and Village Aspirations**

**12.1. Meeting with Crazy Legs 25 Feb 20**

EF and JS reported on a meeting held with two representatives of this organisation. They reported high local public interest in, preparedness to pay for, and participate in local runs. Popular new events recently were events where the aim was to find the quickest route on foot from A to B. Footpaths in Woodford all have narrow sections which make them unsuitable for timed runs, but one of the “fastest from point A to point B via any road or footpath” events might work. Crazy legs reps reported that an event with activities and food laid on for family at the same time were likely to be well attended. JS suggested an organised run using the former runway at the aerodrome site. This idea was liked and feasibility will be investigated.

### **13. Updates**

#### **WCC**

JS reported that notice board would be progressing. Costs of the website and alternatives were discussed.

#### **SGMGB**

EF reported that a hustings for candidates for GM Mayor would be held on Sat 29 Feb 2020. Our questions had been submitted. Waiting to hear which made the short list.

#### **Next meeting:**

To be arranged as and when required.

Evelyn Frearson 4 June 2020