



Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

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Minutes of Meeting of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Management Committee

Held via Zoom at 2 pm on 18th May 2021

Attendance	Present	Apologies received ^x
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 DeVechis (JDV)		
Ms Zoe Jones (ZJ)	√	
Mr Chris Coppock (CC)		Corresponding*

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

^x Meeting date was chosen from those most favoured in responses to a Doodle Poll.

1. Welcome

TB opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. Apologies

PG, RBU

3. Declaration of conflicts of interest

None.

4. Minutes from meeting held on 2nd March

Two amendments were suggested:

- Item 7, first bullet point, insert "Chester Road" after 394.
- Add post meeting note to say that date of next meeting was postponed until 18th May.

The minutes were approved with the proviso that these amendments were made.

Action: EF to amend minutes

5. Matters arising

Letter to SMBC: EF has circulated a draft letter with suggestions for improving awareness of the Woodford Neighbourhood Plan among planning applicants. This had been amended following team contributions. The amended draft was approved to send to SMBC.

Action: EF to send letter to Emma Curle

Government consultations: At the last meeting a high number of Government Consultations were noted. JK advised that consultations had been affected by the period of purdah prior to the local elections in May, but now that had ended we may expect a resumption of consultations.

6. Financial update

RBB reported that the WNF funds were £896.36, which was unchanged since the last meeting.

7. WNF responses to planning applications

EF had circulated a draft table of planning applications that WNF had been consulted on since the 2020 AGM. The contents of the table were discussed. The following were of particular note:

- DC/077533: Infill at Moorend Golf Range, 181 Woodford Road. Application was refused in January 2021. Reasons for refusal included non-compliance with Stockport UDP GBA 1.2, GBA 1.5, NPPF paragraph 145 and WNP DEV1, and failure to make provision for recreation and amenity open space.
- DC/076613: Infill on Church Lane. WNF sent comments to the Planning Inspectorate for the Appeal. An update on the decision was awaited. JK explained that WNF may receive an update on this application directly because we submitted comments.
- DC/078432: revised plan for one of two dwellings on Foden Lane. At the suggestion of Cllr Brian Bagnall at an Area Committee meeting, the applicant revised the single storey extension and roof terrace to be much smaller and less intrusive for neighbours on Moor Lane. This was approved at the next Area Committee meeting and a Planning and Highways Committee meeting, but no decision notice was posted on the SMBC planning website at the time of this meeting.
- DC/079649: 130 Moor Lane garden room. There was no change in status of the application on the SMBC website at the time of this meeting.
- RBB reported that the land behind Moor Lane had been cleared of trees and was being used occasionally by off-road motor bikes.
- A resident who sent a request for advice to the Stockport Planning email address about a property in a Conservation Area in Mellor was informed that the planning officers were currently too busy to provide general advice because of a high number of planning applications, thought to be related to the Covid pandemic. JK noted that Stockport planning officers generally provide a good service for planning advice. The team thought it unlikely that there would be an overload of PAs in the Woodford Neighbourhood Area for the committee to assess.

8. WNF AGM date

Attendees chose the following date:

8 pm on 6th October 2021 in the Small Hall at Woodford Community Centre.

JC made the booking at the Community Centre

Action: Committee members to note the date

9. Places for Everyone (PFE), SGMGB and Stockport Local Plan

- Confirmation was awaited on whether PFE would proceed to regulation 18 or 19.
- Members of SGMGB had a meeting that day with Anne Morgan, lead planner in GMCA, with a list of questions to ask.

- It was noted that political changes in Stockport Council may affect the Stockport Local Plan. The leader of the council had yet to be decided.

10. CEC update

JK informed the meeting that:

- Amended plans had been submitted for the Handforth Garden Village.
- WNF had submitted a response to the consultation.
- CPRE and CWT had submitted objections because of the impact on wildlife.
- An all-age school was now included in the plans and Stockport Council had withdrawn their request for a fee towards education.
- The highways issue for Stockport Council had not been resolved. Objection submitted.
- The Government may help with funding as Handforth is on their list of Garden Villages.
- Natural England had no objections because it would have limited impact on statutory nature conservation areas.
- NHS had asked for £1.5 million for extension to the Handforth Medical Centre.
- Environment Agency response was awaited. PA not likely to go to CEC committee until that has been submitted.
- Around 280 objections had been submitted by residents.
- Other submissions had raised the issue of lack of clarity over the position of the boundary.
- Handforth Parish Council had raised objections based on biodiversity and flooding.

EF noted that Total Fitness had objected because they were not consulted at an earlier stage as leaseholders.

TB noted the likely cumulative increase in traffic due to developments at Adlington and Somerfield as well as HGV. The view had been expressed by other developers that car ownership will change and there will be more working from home in the future, which makes out of town developments more sustainable.

11. Other neighbourhood plans

- EF had circulated email exchanges with a member of Bosley Parish Council who had been asking for advice on neighbourhood planning.
- JK noted that CEC are very helpful and the contact is Tom Evans who is a Neighbourhood Planning Officer.

Action: EF to check that Bosley PC know that they can obtain advice from CEC

12. Harrow Local Centre consultation

TB reported on the meeting:

- Attendees for the community included; TB, EF, JS, RBB, JC, PR, KM. This included representatives of WNF.
- Tim Noden of Harrow and members of his team plus consultants were present.
- The aim was to review a proposed hard copy leaflet to be delivered to residents of the Redrow Estate and the old village with a consultation about the local centre.
- A shop and a café were proposed.
- There was a section allowing residents to rank four additional options which were: Deli, Flexible Workspace, Gym, and Nursery.
- There was a box for other comments.

- The community team had raised other suggestions including a medical centre, pharmacy, post office and small meeting room.
- It was pointed out that the layout of the form could be improved to allow inclusion of another option.
- Car parking was discussed.
- It was noted that part of the space was in the neighbourhood area.

It was agreed that the area is very small and therefore limited. No proposal for online consultation was mentioned.

13. WCC update

JS provided an update:

- A new member wished to join the committee.
- Issues of cars for sale parked on Chester Road and overgrown hedges restricting footpath on Wilmslow Road had been resolved.
- Website had been swapped to the new host.
- Budgens were happy with the arrangements for the installation of the notice board.

14. Avro Heritage Museum and Redrow

TB provided an update:

- The museum had just reopened following the easing of restrictions.
- Numbers of attendees were restricted and mask had to be worn.
- A typhoon simulator had been installed and is the only one in the world.
- The air fair had been cancelled because attendance may be low during early easing of restrictions.
- Replaced by two smaller events on 7th/8th August and 11th/12th September including classic cars and military vehicles.
- The access road was being reshaped and the museum would gain extra land in return.
- The construction company building the Poynton Relief Road, Graham, are to put a plaque near a site of a historic plane crash on the route of the PRR.

Next meeting:

To be held in August.

Action: EF to find date via Doodle poll.

Evelyn Frearson 21 May 2021