



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY 2018 AT 7.30PM AT THE DEANWATER HOTEL WOODFORD

1. PRESENT

Jane Sandover Acting Secretary

Chris Coppock, Ron Beatham, Khan Moghal, Avril Furness, Rev David Russell, Cllr John McGahan, Cllr Mike Hurleston (arriving a little late as advised that he would be delayed)

APOLOGIES: Evelyn Frearson, Robin Berriman, Cllr Brian Bagnall, Morag White, Maxine Wood.

2. OPENING REMARKS AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Jane Sandover welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that in the constitution; "A Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be nominated by WCC from amongst its membership on the basis that such persons shall be current committee members and shall have served for at least one year on the committee before being eligible for nomination." Jane stated that Robin Berriman is happy to continue as treasurer, but there needs to be a chair.

Chris Coppock agreed reluctantly to take up the post, and Jane agreed to be secretary as no one else was willing to take on the role.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, HELD ON 31ST OCTOBER 2017

Outstanding matters following this meeting;

Amendment to 2016 AGM minutes

This has been rectified by Helen Buszard before she left

Replacement of WCC Notice Board;

The notice board has been damaged probably by a vehicle and it does need replacing. Both Cllr McGahan and Cllr Hurleston confirmed that the area committee could help with the costs. Initially investigations need to be made on whether a better position can be found for it and the costs for its replacement. Robin Berriman was to approach Nottcutts as a possibility. Once this information has been gained, an application through Democratic Services to the area committee can be made for assistance.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Jane Sandover read out the report that Robin Berriman had prepared as he could not attend; The Treasurer reported

Cash at 31 Oct was £1863.78 (AGM)

Since then we have paid 5 monthly standing orders of £50 each to Primary websites, £100 for Bryan Leck's retirement gift voucher and £50 for Helen's retirement gift voucher .

That totals £400 spent, so the **current balance is £1463.78.**

We have the Church Mag advert to pay, which will be paid directly

We have 3 sponsors each for £250 annually:

Jackson Barrett & Gass - to 31 May

Notcutts - to 30 June

Southfield House - to 31 July (Southfield House may have changed hands, as their signage has changed)

They all pay for website adverts so we'll have to keep the website up to date if we are going to justify asking them to continue (which we ought to as it will be difficult to get them back I imagine). If something changes we can always refund them the 2019 fees.

They're all slow to pay, so we need to invoice them ahead of their expiry date. Robin will handle that when the time arrives.

5. DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

The website is looked after by Mike Gallagher, and Helen discussed this with him. He agreed to handle things for us and get in touch with Jane Sandover. She has not heard anything to date, and sent an email to try to get an update.

(Secretary's Note; she received an email at almost midnight on 21st May with regards the above but was away from home and Mike Gallagher is now on holiday).

6. REQUESTS BY LINDA BRIGHT TO DITRIBUTE NEWSLETTERS ON BEHALF OF REDROW

Linda Bright works for a PR company employed by Redrow to produce a newsletter. After the Liaison meeting on 14th March we received an email where she was asked; 'if Redrow wanted to utilise your volunteers to deliver the newsletter for them, which is planned for twice yearly in May/June and Nov/Dec, in return for a small donation to either the community council or a charity of your choosing, is this something we could set up' David Russell said that he couldn't ask his volunteers without seeing the content and felt they could not help. The committee agreed that it was not something that WCC should be involved in, but suggested that the scouts may be interested.

(Secretary's Note; she has replied to the email and suggested they contact Mike Flynn, who runs the local scouts group, goes to the Liaison meetings as they have helped the scouts).

7. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RE WNF

The secretary, when looking at the constitution of WCC, realised that the WNF was described as a subsidiary of the WCC. WNF was set up as independent of the WCC so this needs to be looked at by the committee and amended at the next AGM.

ACTION: Secretary

8. BRIEF UPDATES

8.1 Liaison with Redrow

Last meeting held on 14th March 2018; Notes were circulated to the committee by the secretary and will be attached to these minutes.

David Russell was concerned about some of the wording used by Redrow in some of their marketing which implied the creation of new exclusive community in Woodford, at odds with WCC's desire for the new development to be regarded as part of the existing village. The committee agreed that this is a concern to be taken up with Redrow.

Both David and Avril Furness said that they would like to attend the next liaison meeting.

The date of the next meeting has not been fixed and it normally falls on WCC to ask when it will be!

ACTION: Secretary

8.2 GMSF

It is understood that the new version of this will be released for consultation and comment on 29th June.

Post meeting note: Following the elections and change of council make up, this has now been put back until July, a specific date not been given but will be during summer holidays.

8.3 SMBC Local Plan

The Local plan will follow the GMSF. The main thrust now is to utilise all the brownfield sites first for development. Jane Sandover went to a talk by the Director of Development for Stockport Town Centre, George Perrin and was amazed at the plans that were being looked at to bring life back to Stockport. She understands that there are 3000 possible homes to be built within the town, which will ease the pressure on the green belt. We have been urged if anyone sees brownfield site (site that has previously been developed) to submit it to the register.

8.4 Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

The plan with all the policies that would be used to protect Woodford when planning applications are submitted is out for what is called Regulation 14 consultation. This is an informal consultation to all those who live and work within Woodford to support/comment on the policies. This ends on 30th of June. All homes in the Forum area (which excludes the airfield, these residents cannot comment unfortunately) are to be leafleted by 17th May to raise awareness of this.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The matter of the speed cushions being installed in Woodford was raised but Cllr Mike Hurleston confirmed that there was 80% in favour of them. The Section 106 money paid by Harrow/Redrow has to be spent within a certain time window.

The quiet lanes work will follow on Church Lane and Blossoms lane to help to reduce the speed of the cars that use it as a rat run.

It is hoped that it may reduce the speeds particularly on Moor Lane. It is also felt within the committee that the speed limit of 40 along Chester Road to Wilmslow road should be reduced.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be arranged when appropriate.

Approved At following committee meeting Date 28th August 2008