



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2010 AT THE VICARAGE, CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Mr K Coxey	Chairman
Mrs H Buszard	Secretary
Mrs M Wood	Treasurer

Mr R Beatham, Mr D Hall, Mr I Hanson, Revd J Knowles, Councillor B Leck and Mrs M White.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Crompton, Mr S Downes, Dr L Evans, Mr P Rodman and Mr C Roscoe.

Members were sorry to learn that Mr Rodman had been very ill and offered their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 17 May 2010, were approved as a correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute 3 - Re Hill Top Farm, it was noted that the work had now been completed and operations had ceased.

Minute 5.1 - Cllr Leck reported that he had carried out an inspection of local roads and pavements with Council officials and it had been agreed that various repairs and improvements would be undertaken.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer reported that at the end of May the bank balance had been £1059.30, although one or two payments had gone out since then.

4. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) BAE site

Cllr Leck reported that he and the two other Councillors for Bramhall South Ward had now been nominated to represent Stockport Council on the BAE Local Consultative Group. It was not known when the next meeting would be taking place.

Cllr Leck also informed members that officials from the Council Planning Dept had been asked to attend the October Area Committee meeting to provide an update on the BAE site situation. This meeting would be held on 14th October 2010 in Bramhall Village hall.

Finally, it was noted that the period for Public Consultation on the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) Proposed 'Submission' Documents would close on 19 July 2010. It was agreed that there was no need for any further comments to be submitted at this stage.

(b) SEMMMS

There was nothing further to report at this time.

(c) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre

The SGM on the revised constitution had been held 16 June 2010 and the document had been approved.

It was noted that in accordance with the new provisions for affiliated organization, the Secretary had written to the Secretary of the Management Committee requesting affiliation status for the WCC.

(d) WCC Website

The Chairman reported that following approaches made by members of the Sub-group, two local businesses had already agreed to sponsor the website and there were other possibilities in hand. He commended the hard work of the Group in achieving this excellent start.

(e) Stockport Council Issues

Cllr Leck reported that he had just received notification of road works that would be affecting the centre of Bramhall in the coming weeks. These related to water mains rehabilitation work being undertaken by United Utilities, which would commence on 17 July 2010 and continue throughout the school summer holidays. It was agreed that details should be placed on the WCC website and notice board.

Cllr Leck also drew attention to a change in government policy with regard to 'Garden Grabbing'. In future gardens would not be classified as brown field sites, which meant that developers would not be able to buy up houses with large gardens and build unsuitable properties, such as blocks of flats, on them.

The Chairman gave a brief summary of the emailed News Releases he had recently received from the Council. Of most relevance was the notification that in October 2010 Stockport Council would be providing all suitable households with a black wheelie bin for waste that cannot be recycled. These bins would replace the blue bin bags, which in future would only be provided for households where a wheelie bin was inappropriate. Over the same period the Council would also be delivering an indoor food waste caddy and a roll of compostable liners to assist with a new weekly food waste recycling collection. Food waste could be placed in the green garden waste wheelie bin, which would be emptied once a week. Households that did not have a green wheelie bin would be given a smaller (23 litre) outside bin in which to store their food waste. The mixed food and garden waste would be turned into compost in a recycling facility in Bredbury.

It was agreed that this information should also be provided on the website and notice board.

Finally, it was agreed that information about Area Committee meetings, in particular future dates and times, should be given on the website. (A leaflet was already posted on the notice board.)

ACTION: Secretary

(f) General Planning Applications

Members noted various documents concerning the purchase of Green Belt land for inclusion within garden areas, but confirmed that they could not become involved in individual cases.

The Secretary referred to the statement on this topic by Mr Richard Leyshon, Head of Planning Services at Stockport MBC, which had also been circulated to members. It was noted that Dr Evans had expressed concern about including it on the WCC website, since he believed it to be incomplete and misleading. However, since the statement had been requested specifically for this purpose, it was agreed that this should be done, provided that it was made clear that the statement had been issued solely on the authority of Mr Leyshon.

ACTION: Secretary

(g) Footpaths

The Chairman reported that he had made contact with a Council official who had responsibility for public footpaths within the borough. He had confirmed that upkeep of stiles fell under his remit, but that in general landowners were responsible for way marking on their land. The Chairman had agreed to submit reports on the various footpaths within Woodford and he asked members to let him know of any problems encountered.

ACTION: Chairman

5. WCC MEMBERSHIP

The Chairman noted that new members would be needed to replace Mr Roscoe and fill other possible vacancies. He also reminded members once again that he would be standing down as Chairman before the next AGM and asked for proposals for the next Chairman.

No immediate suggestions were forthcoming, but it was agreed that urgent consideration should be given to both matters.

ACTION: All Members

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Thursday, 23 September 2010 at the Vicarage, commencing at 7.30 pm.

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