

Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2009 AT THE VICARAGE, CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Mr K Coxey Chairman
Mrs H Buszard Secretary

Mr R Beatham, Mr P Crompton, Dr L Evans, Mr A Freeth, Mr D Hall, Revd J Knowles, Mrs M White.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Leck, Mr P Rodman and Mr C Roscoe.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Subject to the inclusion of additional text in the penultimate paragraph of item 4, the Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18 May 2009, were approved as a correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

New Bank Account

The Chairman confirmed that the new WCC bank account with NatWest Bank in Bramhall had been set up. He and the Treasurer would now arrange for the transfer of all WCC funds and the closure of the Building Society account.

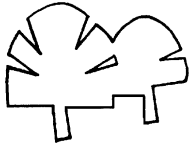
ACTION: Chairman, Treasurer

Road Safety

The Secretary confirmed that she had written to Mr Clark, Road Safety Manager for Stockport MBC, regarding the zebra crossing on Woodford Road, as agreed at the last meeting. No reply had yet been received.

3. WCC WEBSITE

The Chairman confirmed that he had submitted an interim progress report, as mentioned at the last meeting, and also noted that he had responded to a Stockport Council Information Survey concerning the WCC.



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The Secretary informed members that the website was very close to completion. She explained that it was possible to access the site using an interim address and demonstrated the various pages on a projection screen. She was delighted to report that Olivers Restaurant, which had just re-opened after major refurbishment, had offered to provide a prize for a competition to help launch the website. Further details of the competition had still to be determined and it was decided that the legal requirements for running a free draw should be checked.

ACTION: Mrs White, Secretary

It was generally agreed that the website was impressive and that it provided a lot of information and looked very professional. All members were asked to re-examine it in depth over the following few days and send any comments, queries, etc to the Secretary. Subject to any final amendments, it was hoped that the site could go live two weeks later (week commencing 20 July).

ACTION: All members

The Chairman pointed out that information about the website needed to be disseminated as widely as possible. Part of the funding included the distribution of a newsletter to all residents and there was therefore an urgent need to prepare and circulate this as soon as possible. The newsletter would have an image of the Homepage on the reverse and details of the launch of the website on the front, together with other relevant news items. Members were requested to submit ideas for such items by the following weekend and the draft text would then be sent to them for approval before circulation.

ACTION: All members, Secretary

It was agreed that all members would help with the distribution of the newsletter.

(Secretary's Note: See appended list for details.)

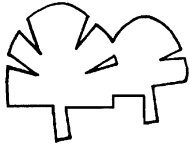
Finally, it was agreed that the date of the 2009 AGM should be announced in the newsletter and on the website. A provisional date – Thursday, 26 November 2009 – had been suggested and this was confirmed. Consideration was given to invited speakers for the event, with possibilities including the police to talk on crime and someone from environmental services again. Members were requested to send any suggestions to the Secretary as soon as possible because of the need to book speakers well in advance.

ACTION: All members

4. WOODFORD WAR MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE (WWMCC)

The Chairman stated that any matters pertaining to the various legal actions that were currently underway were sub judice and could not be discussed.

The Secretary reported that she had written to the Management Committee nominating Mr Freeth as the WCC representative and also listing the queries that had been raised at the previous WCC meeting. She had received a detailed response, which had been circulated to



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members. In response to a query regarding the first item in the letter, the Terms and Conditions for hiring the Centre, she agreed to follow this up.

(Secretary's Note: The full Terms & Conditions of Hire of the Woodford Community Centre are available on the Centre's Website – www.woodfordcom.com - and can be downloaded. Click Booking Enquiries.)

Attention was drawn to the timetable for the adoption of the new WWMCC constitution and it was noted in particular that the draft should be available to Woodford residents by the end of July, with an SGM being called in early September. The Secretary suggested that the WCC website could carry the draft if that would be helpful in disseminating it as widely as possible and Mr Freeth agreed to put this forward to the Management Committee. Some concern was expressed over the membership of the drafting committee, but it was generally felt that it was more important to examine the content of the new document and put forward comments as appropriate.

It was also noted that the nomination of Mr Freeth had been welcomed by the WWMCC. Mr Freeth confirmed that he had received the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 June and he reported briefly on various items of interest. He indicated that he would be attending the next meeting, which he understood was to take place on 15 July 2009, although there was some confusion as to whether this might also be the date of a proposed public meeting to discuss the future of the BAE Systems site and crime in Woodford. Mr Crompton explained that this meeting had originally been an initiative by Mr Ben Jeffreys, the Conservative parliamentary candidate, to discuss the future of the BAE site. The suggestion of including discussions on increased crime in the area and trying to encourage members of the community to become involved in a Homewatch scheme for Woodford, had been put forward at an informal meeting held between Mr Rodman and himself with Mr Garner. However, he was uncertain as to whether the meeting would go ahead, since to date there seemed to have been little publicity about it.

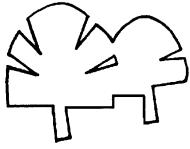
5. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) Planning applications

In the absence of Mr Roscoe, there was nothing to report. It was suggested that since Woodford planning applications could now be accessed easily online via the website, members should do this in future and notify the Secretary if there were any relevant applications they wished to discuss at the subsequent meeting.

ACTION: All members

It was noted that an Area Planning Meeting would be held in the Village Hall, Lumm Lane, Bramhall on 16th July 2009.



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(b) BAE Systems

There was nothing further to report, apart from the proposed public meeting mentioned under item 4.

(c) Stockport Council Issues

The Chairman offered to find out when Woodford was likely to get the blue and brown recycling bins that had been promised for June.

ACTION: Chairman

(d) Footpaths

It was not known whether Mr Braide had as yet walked any of the footpaths. It was agreed that the Chairman would bring the large-scale map of Woodford public footpaths to the next meeting, so that individual members could volunteer to walk particular paths.

ACTION: Chairman

(e) SEMMMS

There was nothing further to report, although it was noted that financial constraints and/or a change of Government might have a bearing on the current position

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Litter day

It was agreed that October might be the best time for the next Woodford Litter Day and that further details could be left until the next meeting.

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Comments by Mr Freeth have been minuted under item 4.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at the Vicarage on Thursday, 3 September 2009 (and not on 21 September, as previously scheduled).

Approved

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Ken Coxey, Chairman

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