



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2010 AT THE VICARAGE, CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD

PRESENT

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

Mr R Beatham, Mr F Brown, Mr P Crompton, Dr L Evans, Mr D Hall, Mr I Hanson, Revd J Knowles, Councillor B Leck,

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Downes, Mr P Rodman, Mr C Roscoe and Mrs M White.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18 March 2010, were approved as a correct record.

The Secretary reported that comments concerning the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2009 had been received. It was agreed that minor amendments should be made and the revised Minutes placed on the website.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute 3 – Re the tipping operations at Hill Top Farm, further concerns had been expressed to WCC members that work was continuing after the date agreed for completion and that it had been extended to a neighbouring field. The issue of flooding in Moor Lane had also been raised, although it was recognised that this might not be related to the landfill. Cllr Leck agreed to investigate these matters and report back.

ACTION: Cllr Leck

Minutes 5 (a) – The Secretary confirmed that she had written again to Cllr Goddard, as agreed, and his response had been circulated. It was clear that he would not appoint a local councillor to represent Stockport Council on the BAE Consultative Group, preferring to nominate the Liberal Democrat candidate who had failed to be elected at the recent elections.

The Secretary also confirmed that she had requested that the WCC be included on the official list of Consultees for the Local Development Framework.

Minute 5 (d) – The Treasurer confirmed that action was being taken to increase the retainer paid to Mr Gallagher.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

(a) Grant application

The Treasurer reported that the balance of the grant - £599 – had now been received. After current commitments had been met, the total balance at the bank was £979.30, although approximately two thirds of that was ring fenced for website maintenance/development.

(b) Fund-raising Event

The Treasurer reported that she had investigated the cost of providing a hog roast supper and that this would be in the order of £12 to £15 per head for a basic meal. When the costs of hiring the hall and of providing entertainment were taken into account, there was concern that the risk of organising such an event and not breaking even were high. It was therefore agreed to defer further action for the time being.

(c) Website Sponsorship

As recognised at the previous meeting, there was still a need to provide ongoing funding for the maintenance of the website once the grant had been used up. The Secretary had spoken to Mr Gallagher about the various options available to encourage local businesses to act as sponsors and advertise on the website. A Sub-group comprising Mr Hanson, Dr Evans, the Chairman and the Secretary was set up to discuss the options and put forward proposals.

ACTION: Mr Hanson, Dr Evans, Chairman, Secretary

4. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) BAE site

There was nothing further to report at this time.

(b) SEMMMS

It was noted that the proposals had now reached the more detailed design stage and that environmental surveys had been undertaken on ponds in Woodford in the vicinity of the planned route. It was recognised that there would still need to be a full Public Enquiry. Also, it was felt that the possibility of the funding being withdrawn because of major spending cuts in the wake of the change of Government could not be discounted.

(c) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre

Mr Crompton gave a brief report on general housekeeping/maintenance activities at the Centre and commented that the general management was running smoothly with complete transparency regarding financial matters. Hire charges had been reviewed and increases agreed. He also confirmed that a draft of the revised Constitution had been agreed by the Management Committee and that an SGM would be held on 16 June 2010 to seek approval from the residents.

It was agreed that the Secretary should contact the Chairman of the Management Committee to request a copy of the document and also offer to put details of the SGM on the WCC website.

ACTION: Secretary

(d) WCC Website

The Secretary reported that the winner of the Photo Competition had been Mr Robin Berriman and that a runner up prize had been awarded to Mr Nigel Estill. Full details were given on the Competition page of the website. She also noted that a new page had been set up for Public Consultations.

The Chairman commented that he had been in touch with Mr Stephen Taylor regarding the original *woodfordweb.co.uk* website, which Mr Taylor had set up, because there had been some confusion regarding some of the links. Mr Taylor had offered to review his site.

(e) Stockport Council Issues

Cllr Leck had no specific issues to raise.

The Chairman reported that he now received Stockport Council News Releases, which were circulated by email. Anything of particular relevance to the community would be placed on the website.

(f) General Planning Applications

The Secretary reported that she had been in touch with the Head of Planning Services at Stockport MBC and he had agreed to provide a statement giving general advice regarding the purchase of Green Belt land. This would be included on the WCC website for the benefit of the local community.

(g) Footpaths

The Chairman commented that he had not yet received all the reports on the state of local Public Footpaths, but would submit those that he had to the appropriate contact at SMBC.

ACTION: Chairman

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Local roads and pavements

Various issues were raised, including the very poor state of roads such as Jenny Lane and parts of Moor Lane, which had major potholes and broken surfaces, the problem of sunken manhole covers, the dangers of cyclists on footpaths and of speeding cars. Cllr Leck commented that he had already raised several of these issues at Council level and would follow up wherever possible.

ACTION: Cllr Leck

5.2 WCC Membership

The Chairman noted that Mr Roscoe would be moving from Woodford shortly and suggested that the WCC should consider co-opting a replacement. He also reminded members that he would be standing down as Chairman before the next AGM and asked them to consider who should be proposed as the next Chairman.

ACTION: All Members

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday, 5 July 2010 at the Vicarage, commencing at 7.30 pm.

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