



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th JUNE 2014 IN THE CHURCH HALL, CHRIST CHURCH, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Mr P Rodman	Chairman
Mrs H Buszard	Secretary
Mr R Berriman	Treasurer

Mr R Beatham, Dr D Buszard, Mr B Leck, Revd D Russell and Mrs M White

APOLOGIES: Mr K Coxey, Mr R Brammar, Mr S Taylor

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman updated the Committee regarding Mr Taylor's current situation and members expressed their concern and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

He also reported that Mr Brammar had withdrawn from the Committee because of family health issues.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, HELD ON 31st MARCH 2014

(Minutes approved previously by email.)

Minute 3 Annual General Meeting

The revised date of Thursday, 27th November 2014 was confirmed. The Secretary will complete the Centre booking form accordingly.

ACTION: Secretary

Minute 4 Litter Day

The date of Saturday, 27th September 2014 was confirmed. The Chairman agreed to contact SMBC for the usual support – litter pickers, waste bags and removal of waste.

ACTION: Chairman

Residents would be notified of the date in the next eNewsletter and details would be given on the website and Notice board.

ACTION: D Buszard, Secretary

Minute 5 (c) Freedom of Information Request

Mr Buszard reported that he had received copies of various documents in response to his request. These had been circulated to WNF members and would be forwarded to WCC.

ACTION: Secretary

Minute 5 (f) Crime

The action to include relevant information on the website was still outstanding.

ACTION: Secretary

Minute 6.1 Public footpaths in Woodford

The information had been added to the website (under Sport and Leisure Interests on the Useful Links Page), but a suitable illustrative map was still needed.

Minute 6.2 Website hits

Information had been obtained and would be circulated to the Committee.

ACTION: Secretary

2. FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Treasurer reported that the WCC account balance was now £1,238, with payments for website maintenance and for the Church Magazine advertisement having been made since the last meeting. The WU account balance was £1,900, with a payment of £100 having been made for delivery of questionnaires. This would be reimbursed from the WNF grant funds and the full £2,000 then transferred to the new WNF account, as agreed previously.

3. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

Update

It was reported that Extraordinary Meetings of Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee and SMBC Planning Committee had been arranged for 20th June and 25th June 2014 respectively to discuss the Harrow Planning Applications. However, only three days before the present meeting, Emma Curle (SMBC Lead Officer) had informed the Chairman that these meetings were being postponed because the Officers' Report on the applications had still to be finalised.

(Secretary's Note: Notification was subsequently given that the Area Committee would be held on 17th July 2014 and the Planning Committee on 29th July 2014.)

Emma Curle had also offered WNF the opportunity to discuss the draft Terms and Conditions relating to the applications at a meeting to be arranged with her and representatives from Harrow.

With regard to the WNF questionnaires, it was reported that information was currently being collated.

Mr Berriman expressed his concern that active support for the Forum within the community seemed to be diminishing and that fewer people were left to undertake the workload.

Proposal to form a Parish Council

At the recent WCC/WNF meeting with Nick Boles, Minister for Planning, it had been suggested that WCC should consider applying to become a Parish Council, using the original parish boundaries that incorporated the Airfield. After a short discussion, it was concluded that whilst this seemed an attractive option, it was unlikely that there would be sufficient resources or indeed enthusiasm to take the idea forward.

Poynton Relief Road

The Committee was reminded that the eight-week public consultation period had commenced on 2nd June 2014 and would end on 28th July 2014. Public exhibitions were being held at the Woodford Community Centre on 9th/10th July 2014.

(b) SEMMMS Update

Re the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road, it was noted that the Secretary of State had decided not to call in the scheme for a Public Inquiry and that the decisions of the three Local Planning Authorities to grant the scheme planning permission had therefore been confirmed.

(c) Newsletter /Website

It was noted that the latest eNewsletter had been circulated on 11th June 2014 and the website updated accordingly.

(d) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre

There was nothing of specific note to report.

(e) Stockport Council Issues

Mr Leck noted that planning permission had been granted for the former Sphere car sales outlet to open an MOT testing bay.

He also commented that the outline planning application for development on the former Nursery on Hall Moss Lane was unlikely to be supported by the Area Committee.

(Secretary's Note: This application was shown as having been withdrawn on 4 July 2014.)

(f) Neighbourhood Watch/Crime

Concern was expressed at the lack of interest in establishing Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.2 New Local Councillor

It was agreed that Anita Johnson, who had been elected as a Councillor for the Bramhall South and Woodford Ward following Mr Leck's retirement, should be invited to attend WCC meetings as co-opted member.

ACTION: Secretary

4.2 Church Lane Parking

Revd Russell noted that the PCC had been contacted by SMBC regarding a proposal to prevent parking at the junction of Church Lane with Chester Road. It was noted that this was an issue that had been raised by WCC some time ago on behalf of the previous vicar, when it had been suggested that double yellow lines were needed so that buses that had to turn there were not hindered by cars parked on Church business.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was provisionally scheduled for Monday, 22nd September 2014, commencing at 8.00 pm in the Church Hall.

(Secretary’s Note: The Church Hall will not be available on that date and the meeting will therefore be held at 373 Chester Road, Woodford.)

Approved *Date*.....