



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th AUGUST 2018 AT 7.30PM AT THE CHURCH HALL WOODFORD

PRESENT

Chris Coppock Chairman

Jane Sandover (JS) Secretary

Robin Berriman (RB) Treasurer

Terry Barnes(TB), Khan Moghal, Avril Furness, Evelyn Frearson, Rev David Russell, Cllr Brian Bagnall, (BB) Cllr John McGahan, Cllr Mike Hurleston, Morag White, Maxine Wood.

1. **APOLOGIES;** none received

2. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Terry Barnes was welcomed to the committee after existing members around the table provided a brief introduction to themselves.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, HELD ON 16th MAY 2018

1 One of the items in the last minutes needed to be made clearer. This was amended. They were then approved.

2 With regards to the replacement of the WCC Notice Board BB suggested that we contact Damien Eaton of Democratic Services on 474 3207 who would be able to help with regards off the shelf notice boards, and advise in estimates of the costs. It was suggested that one just behind the wall at Budgens may be an answer and maybe another at Notcutts.

ACTION: Treasurer

3 JS will look at the constitution amendments to be agreed at the AGM.

ACTION: Secretary

4 Before the next meeting JS book a date for this in the first week in November. Post meeting Note AGM has been booked in the Community Centre small hall for Wednesday 7th November at 8pm.

ACTION: Secretary

5 Mike Gallagher who looks after the website and the newsletter subscribers believes the website needs updating. It was agreed that all would look at the website; www.woodfordcommunity.co.uk and make comment.

ACTION ALL

Post meeting note Mike has said the website really needs updating to be in line 'with modern sites which work much better on mobiles and iPads etc. It is very old now.' There's probably a lot of content that could be removed from it too. If we go ahead with a new revamped site, it would make it much quicker to use.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT AND SPONSORSHIP

- 1 RB stated that since the last treasurer's report the Church magazine advert, costing £70, has been paid. Primary websites have been paid £390, covering 5 monthly £50 fees and hosting and domain fees of £140. Printing costs of £258 have been paid out of the grant monies received on behalf of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum (WNF). £250 sponsorship has been received from Jackson, Barrett & Gass.
- 2 The current bank balance is £996, £178 of which relates to the remaining grant monies for WNF.
- 3 Since the last meeting both Springfield House and Notcutts have decided not to renew their sponsorship of the website. However, RB has received agreement from both GreenThumb and Avro Heritage Museum to sponsor the website for £250 per year. All thanked Terry Barnes, the Chair of the trustees of the Museum. The treasurer will send an invoice to Avro Heritage Museum.

ACTION TREASURER

- 4 Annual sponsorships now total £750, which almost cover the current ongoing costs. More sponsors would ensure all costs are met. In the meantime the cash at bank would take care of any small shortfall.

5. NEWSLETTER

- 1 RB said that we should produce more newsletters to give the sponsors value for money, maybe aim for a quarterly issue.
- 2 A proposed draft had been circulated prior to the meeting. BB asked if 'Light up Bramhall' could occupy the spare box until the new sponsors were on board. JS would try to find out the information. It was also agreed to add the 'Heritage Open Days' and TB agreed to send some word.

ACTION: TB

Post meeting note; JS obtained wording from on the Heritage Open Days website and added the words generally from that and Mike Gallagher found some photos to add to the newsletter. There was not time to add 'Light Up Bramhall', but this could be put in another newsletter.

6. BRIEF UPDATES

1 Liaison with Redrow

A meeting scheduled for 25th July 2018 and was cancelled the night before. JS has been trying to get a response from Victoria Tuer of Redrow, but to no avail.

BB said the councillors have good relations with the MD and knew that he was keen for this sort of integration. He would have a word.

Post meeting note; A meeting has now been arranged for Thursday 20th September at 12.30pm, thanks to BB's intervention.

ACTION: Secretary

2 GMSF

BB stated that there had been some delays including waiting for the new housing predictions due out on 20th September and there is a move to make the new plan a spatial development strategy.

Note the original intention was a 'framework' where the spaces for development for new houses, offices, roads and other uses is described across the whole of the GM area, whereas a strategy is a description of what is needed but does not allocate the space. This would then be left to the individual local authorities to allocate the spaces required

The method of the way approvals going forward was going to change where just the leader of each council would agree the plan/strategy without full council agreement. However in Stockport the leader of the council will insist on a majority vote in favour before he will vote to pass the plan.

Post meeting note; Greater Manchester combined Authority have now decided that each of the councils have to agree the plan/strategy before it goes out to consultation. As the number of households predicted for the region has now gone down from 211,000 to 154,000 the mayor has asked the government to act quickly to publish the revised methodology to determine the number of homes now required.

This could mean a further delay to the consultation as nothing can be done leading up to the local elections.

3 SMBC Local Plan

The Stockport Local plan will follow the GMSF as it also relies on the new housing predictions, but the brownfield register is up and running. The brownfield register (of land or buildings that can contribute to new development) is live. If anyone sees a site they think could be redeveloped (brownfield is land that has previously been built on or the building on it is no longer used) are asked to inform the council via the website; <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/brownfield/register-a-brownfield-site>.

4 Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

Following a very successful pre-submission consultation the working group met with SMBC officer Steve Johnson and two of the councillors with the aim to submit the plan and all the legal documents to SMBC by 28th September at what is known as Regulation 14 stage. After this the Council will take it through the final stages and with the intention of having the referendum on the same day as the local elections. It was mentioned that there would probably have to be 2 voting papers as not all of Woodford have the vote only those within the Neighbourhood area. There will also need to be included a mechanism for people who have postal votes. BB will mention this to the Steve Johnson.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1 BB mentioned that the application on land between 351 and 227 on Chester Road was given consent. However the appeal against the council refusal changes to the approved scheme on land between 518 and 510 Chester Road was turned down by the inspector despite the land being classed as a school playing field on the land registry and thus brownfield. The inspector agreed that it was important to the openness of the greenbelt, and is an important decision for the village.
- 2 Terry mentioned that CAE will be moving off the airfield as they only had a 5 year lease and it has been increase threefold. They intend to move to Cheadle Heath as both Easyjet and Thomas Cook were keen for them to stay in the area to train their staff.

They will be buying more simulators at their new site off Birdhall Lane. It is not clear what Redrow will do with the vacant office building.

- 3 The new pub to be run by J.W.Lees has a license but the final design is not yet been finalised.

Post meeting note; the planning application has been submitted;
<http://planning.stockport.gov.uk/PlanningData-live/caseDetails.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=PD770DPJLZY00>

- 4 BB said there were still things that have not been finished off for the quiet lanes, signage etc. Feedback from committee members felt that the cars have not reduced their speed that much, and David wondered what the average speeds cars do along Chester Road between the Church and Moor Lane. BB said there may need to be speed monitoring and on Moor Lane.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday 23rd October 7.30pm in The Church Hall.