



Management Committee of Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st September 2021 AT 7.30PM

In the Church Hall

PRESENT

Terry Barnes (TB), Evelyn Frearson (EF), Avril Furness (AF), Khan Moghal (KM), Robin Berriman (RB), Jane Sandover (JS), Peter Crossen (PC) Cllr John McGahan (JM), Maxine Wood (MW) Cllr Mike Hurleston (MH), Rev David Russell (DR)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Brian Bagnall (BB),
2. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 27th July 2021 (not covered separately).**
None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING 27TH JUNE 2021**
Approved

4. FINANCIAL UPDATE

No change

Balance at 20.10.20	£920.52	
Money out	0	See note below
Balance	£920.52	

AF stated that a cheque been issued for £36 to Mathew Chapman but had not had yet been banked.

AF tried to contact GreenThumb again by phone and sent the sliding scale for sponsorship again but there has not been any response as yet.

TB has been in touch with Huws Gray with regards to some sort of sponsorship and they will come back to him when they have got over the fire disaster.

TB reported again that pub J.W. Lees will sponsor and are very interested in helping the community when they open.

More sponsorship would help the funds, which thankfully will not deplete too rapidly now.

ACTION: ALL

5. NOTICEBOARD

At the Redrow liaison meeting Tim Noden suggested that JS draft a letter signed by the WCC Chair, to Sunil for him to sign to give permission for them to go on Budgens' land to erect the notice board. Redrow can then check that the letter will satisfy their insurers. TB mentioned it to Paul Simpson. Sunil at Budgens has also offered to do it themselves. It was agreed that this was the best way forward. MW will take the noticeboard to Budgens. TB will liaise with MW and Sunil.

ACTION: TB, MW

6. EVENT RE: QUEEN'S PLATINUM ANNIVERSITY

JS will get in touch with Bramhall Together and organise a sub-committee to include the WWMCC. Due to the number of bookings for next year WWMCC has reserved Saturday 18th June 2022 for the event.

ACTION: JS

7. NEXT NEWSLETTER

EF will draft the newsletter in October and include The Deanwater history and all the AGMs etc.

ACTION: EF +

8. BRIEF UPDATES

SMBC LOCAL PLAN

MH reported that the Local Plan is due to be published on 6th October for discussion with a view to approval on 18th November by the Council and then 7th December by the Cabinet. The council have to estimate the number of houses that need to be planned for; somewhere between 1200 and 1800 but the population is falling. SMBC are proposing to move build a new hospital in the centre of Stockport as Stepping Hill is now very dated and not up to date. The plan will be for 15 years. There is also a move to bring services to the centre of Stockport to 'Stockroom' including the library. There were concerns re the library building which also houses the archive, but we are assured that the building will not be lost.

WNF

The committee is responding to planning applications as they come in generally extensions. EF noted that the infill at Moorend Farm was refused by SMBC. WNF did not object as it fitted the criteria. It went to appeal and it was approved by the inspector. The Forum was alerted to a proposal that land off Church Lane could be used by the Camping and Caravanning Club. It appears that there does not need to be planning permission from the Council for this. The Forum has therefore sent a message to the Camping and Caravanning Club to make them aware of the problems associated with such use of the land with regards access; facilities etc. when the owner does not live near the site.

Jude Craig and EF attended a meeting for representatives from the four forums in Stockport with council officers, Richard Wood and Steve Johnson, to discuss the key principles for the new Stockport Local Plan, which were published for consultation. Representatives agreed with the principles but thought they were very aspirational with very little detail. Points raised by EF included not releasing Green Belt at the beginning of the plan period, but only if and when needed, to allow a brownfield first policy to be followed. The concern about the proposed route of the Bus Rapid Transit through fields in Woodford was also raised and officers reported that the latest plans showed the route on existing roads.

The WNF AGM will be held on 25th October at 8 pm at the Community Centre. A monitoring report will be presented as well as minutes and accounts. It had been suggested that we invite the council officers to do a presentation on the Stockport Local Plan, but this may be better done at the WCC AGM which is advertised more widely, and would include residents on the Redrow estate.

CHURCH

This is the first meeting in one and a half years and the church still has a policy of ventilation and use of masks as well as questions about whether there should be singing. The church cannot ask for vaccine passports and it has been left to each vicar although there is some guidance from the Church community. However they are now singing in the church, back to normal service and ministering communion. Some things are back to normal. There are some restrictions on weddings and funerals. Remembrance Sunday plans are not yet made but DR is committed to doing it well. The church is normally full at Christmas. The Lychgate works are almost complete.

REDROW/HARROW

A liaison meeting was held on Friday 10th September with members of the WCC, WNF Trustees of the Community Centre with Gareth Williams, Nicola Edwards and Amanda Hollins of Redrow and Tim Noden of Harrow. 400 homes have been completed with a further 50 sold. The apartments are ready now to be put on the market. There is now a move to complete road surfacing, replacing matting in some to the play grounds installing notice boards and bins etc.

A developer for the care home facilities has been submitted to SMBC and provides 104 places with a combination of 17 two bedroom bungalows and a three storey block of apartments of various sizes with their own kitchens but also facilities including extra care facilities, hair salon, staff facilities etc.

Following Harrow's survey with regards to the commercial property, they received 200 responses and are now working up a proposal with SMBC, to provide facilities like a local convenience store with a post office, café/deli, possibly a pharmacy. They are working on it being two storeys, possibly containing a flexible office space. There will not be a nursery, but it could be possibly attached to the school. It has been calculated that there may be enough children to fill year one and two when it opens in September 2022. The school will be a free school, but the decision has not yet been made as to who runs it but this is imminent. Construction of the school by Conlon has begun. It is being built to a high quality template.

There have been some security concerns and the police now have more of a presence on the site. Local residents near Airfield Park were concerned that the space needed protection from unwanted vehicles and guests camping. Posts are being installed to prevent this.

There have also been some parking issues and concern as to when the football pitches are installed. The play grounds at Airfield park are to be resurfaced.

Tim Noden also commented that they are still in talks with Stockport with regards access to the Poynton relief road and the possibility of getting maybe more homes on the site.

ACTION: PC

AVRO MUSEUM

TB reported that the smaller events on August 7th and 8th and also September 11th and 12th of Military Vehicles and Classic Cars were relatively successful, despite the rain for the first weekend. An Anson flew over. They are hosting a wedding in a marquee next to the Vulcan on 29th September with more aircraft coming. The company building school; Conlon are quoting for an extension

9. Any Other Business

AF reported that she had received confirmation that the route of the 42B bus now misses out Moor Lane and Jenny Lane.

MW reported WWMCC news the bonfire will be ticket only via a website to control numbers with the aim to having 2,500 maximum.

A McMillian Coffee Morning will be held on 25th September at the Centre

10. DATE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday 2nd November (venue to be confirmed) with a possible AGM on Tuesday 30th November.

Post meeting note AGM will be Thursday 11th November.