



Management Committee of Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

Terry Barnes (TB), Evelyn Frearson (EF), Avril Furness (AF), Rev David Russell (DR), Khan Moghal (KM), Robin Berriman(RB), Jane Sandover(JS)

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Mike Hurleston (MH), Cllr Brian Bagnall (BB), Cllr John McGahan (JM)

2. OPENING REMARKS AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

TB welcomed everyone and thanked DR for hosting this zoom meeting. He then asked that the officers are confirmed.

Proposed by JS that TB remains as chair was seconded by Avril and passed unanimously

Proposed by EF that JS remains as secretary and was seconded by DR and passed unanimously.

Proposed by TB that AF remains as treasurer and was seconded by RB and passed unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 20TH OCTOBER NOT COVERED SEPARATELY.

None noted.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING 20TH OCTOBER

There were no matters arising from the minutes and they were approved

5. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Balance at 20.10.20 £1165.92

Money out £150.00 Website

Balance £1015.92

6. WEBSITE: RETIREMENT OF MIKE GALLAGHER (MG)

After the October meeting, JS was tasked with asking MG if there was any savings that could be made as she mentioned that her expenses were nowhere near that WCC paid. In response MG looked at the costs and produced a list of what everything cost.

Subsequently JS was advised by MG that he wanted to retire by March. JS has a nephew who has worked for large companies looking after websites, but has recently started to set up his own company. MG has said that the person taking over the hosting would need to go into contract with the domain hosting company. Originally when the WCC website was set up there was not much competition but as a new contract needs to be set up the fees would

be much lower with a different hosting company. At the moment the WCC website is hosted by 1 and 1.

It was agreed that JS would ask her nephew, Mathew Chapman, to investigate if the costs could be reduced.

RB asked for us to see a website that Mathew has worked on.

ACTION: JS

Post meeting note: Mathew has said he is happy to do this at cost and will price up a few different hosting packages to see if we can get it down. Sometimes you get a better deal by paying for the year up front. JS will put all options in a spreadsheet.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM

More Sponsorship

TB has discussed this with Huws Gray who said they would possibly sponsor in April/May. Approaching Green Thumb is on hold as it is not yet the season for them.

Church Lane Garage has not yet been approached.

RB will ask Bradshaw Gass and Hope as they may be willing to be sponsors again.

TB says that the new pub, JW Lees, would probably sponsor when they are nearer to opening. He also wondered if Redrow would sponsor us.

JS mentioned the meeting with Graham who are building the Poynton Bypass, and TB confirmed they were happy to sponsor tangible things like a fence, or playground etc. They have asked if we could put their latest newsletter on our website. It was agreed that JS will ask them if they would like to sponsor us if we do so. TB has a meeting on Tuesday with Harrow and Graham are joining it. He will also mention this.

More Committee Members

We have quite a few vacancies and it would help to have more ideas on the committee.

ACTION: ALL

8. NEXT NEWSLETTER/NEWSFLASH

A newsletter went out just prior to this meeting updating on the GMSF, transport strategy AVRO and more footpaths. It was a long read.

9. POYNTON BYPASS

The council was contacted by Graham, the company who is building the Poynton bypass, and a meeting was held on 22nd January. Notes were circulated prior to this meeting and it would seem that they would like to do something to benefit the community.

Following the meeting, Daniel Crawthra sent their latest newsletter and asked if we would put it on our website.

JS suggested that she would get in touch and ask them if they would like to sponsor us whilst they were building the bypass. Completions would not be until 2013.

Post meeting note: JS got an answer that they could not sponsor WCC, but we could use any information sent out to the council to include in newsletters. It appears they wish to fund something tangible. JS responded to say that the community council would circulate their offer.

10. LOCAL ISSUES

A TB wished to note that the footpath from the Church down Wilmslow Road is now very narrow due to the encroachment of the grass and the hedge. It is the only path until you have to cross the road at the start of the houses. TB will contact SMBC.

JS mentioned that she had to sort a similar problem in Trafford. The LA got in touch with the owner of the hedge and asked them to do something about it or they would cut it back and charge the owner. With regards to grass on the footpath this is SMBC's responsibility.

ACTION: TB

B A resident had highlighted that cars had been parked near to the entrance to Hill Top Farm, near Chrome and they appear to be for sale. It is on a bend and traffic has to obviously move over to avoid it. TB investigated and observed a truck coming up Wilmslow Road having to swerve rather late, but just managed to stay in the left hand lane. Richard Garner is concerned because it affects vehicles accessing his farm drive. TB will contact the councillors.

ACTION: TB

11. BRIEF UPDATES

WNF

EF stated the Forum is responding to planning applications. Recent ones have included:

- An application for two new houses on Foden Lane was refused by SMBC, but gained permission on appeal. A new application has now been submitted to change the layout, making the houses even bigger.
- An outbuilding at Orchards on Church Lane was not built to the original planning permission. The owner was required to submit a retrospective planning application, which was permitted because it complied with policy. Some on the committee felt that this really was an abuse of the whole planning system.

BB had reported to the Area Committee that since the introduction of the reduction in speed limit along Church and Blossoms Lanes, average speed is down by 7mph. After a consultation period the new speed limits will become permanent.

REDROW

JS has had no response from Paul Sinclair but will suggest a virtual meeting. TB will also try to organise a liaison meeting.

The hangers are being removed as they have been vandalised but this was slowed down as long eared bats were found and asbestos.

ACTION: TB, JS

SMBC Local Plan

No update has been received to date. TB believes that Harrow are lobbying hard to get additional homes on the airfield, but they have to have access to the Poynton bypass.

12. Any Other Business

AF mentioned the terrible flooding at her end of Church Lane. It was worse than last year and came up to the front door of number 220. EF had let BB know and the signs closing the road went up quickly. EF also sent round photographs and marked up the way the surface water was flowing off the land to help SMBC. AF said there were no drainage grids in the road near the last few houses. The water was flowing off the cricket ground and the fields. EF noted that Blossoms Lane was briefly flooded for the first time in her experience. Some of the ditches were full to overflowing. There were road works on Wilmslow Road opposite the junction with Church Lane, so both ends of Church Lane had problems for a while.

13. DATE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday 23th March via Zoom.