



Management Committee of Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th July 2025 AT 7.30PM

IN THE CHURCH HALL

PRESENT

Terry Barnes (TB), Avril Furness (AF), Evelyn Frearson (EF), Jane Sandover (JS),
Cllr Peter Crossen, Cllr Dallas Jones, Cllr Jeremy Meal

Attending with a view to standing for election at the next AGM: Cheryl Grose (CG), Neil Grose (NG)

TB opened the meeting and welcomed the new attendees.

APOLOGIES

David Russell (DR)

Not heard from: Kahn Moghul, Maxine Wood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The amended draft minutes of meeting on 8th April were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

There were none that were not covered by the agenda items.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

AF reported on the accounts as follows:

| | In | Out | Balance |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Balance brought forward | | | £1896.60 |
| Summer Fair stalls | £440 | | £2336.60 |
| Avro Heritage Museum sponsorship | £250 | | £2586.60 |
| Winterfest sum-up | £29.51 | | £2616.11 |
| Website maintenance | | £72.00 | £2544.11 |

WCC WEBSITE REVIEW

EF and AF reported that they had reviewed the site and agreed what needed to change, which included restructuring, updating, deletion of old news, and the ability of the committee to update the site. The webmaster had been requested to provide a quote for these changes. Another consideration was the circulation of the WCC newsletter, which is currently done by the webmaster.

Action: It was agreed to research what a reasonable ball park figure would be for construction of

a simple website that committee members could amend.

NOTICE BOARD

TB explained the long history of the “new” notice board, the funds provided by the Council, the original location, and the issues that had arisen on the way with installation and position at Budgens store. All issues had been resolved and the notice board was stored in TB’s garage awaiting installation by Simon Exelby when he had a suitable opportunity.

WOODFORD SUMMER FAIR

AF reported that the 2025 event had gone well. The weather had been good and parking on the field was allowed. Previous events had been held on a Saturday but this had been changed to Sunday, which was Father’s day, to make way for a booking at the Community Centre. A local band, Sonic Waves played for the price of a drink. It was agreed that they were very good.

The income was £680 on the stalls. £73.80 had been paid to Jude Craig for the banner. There was £606 in the bank account.

The potential split of income between the three organising groups: WCC, WWMCC, and WNF was discussed. It was agreed that the forum should be given the cost of their website maintenance and the rest between WCC and Centre.

AF had been given a donation of £100 in cash from the fairground operator. It was agreed that £40 would be donated to the Church and small thank gifts would be given to non-committee members who had been particularly helpful.

TB thanked the summer fair team and especially AF for all the effort in organising the event.

Action: Another event will be planned for 2026, starting with a meeting of the summer fair team on 23rd July to discuss learning points from the 2025 event.

WINTER FEST

Friday 12th December 2025 had been booked for this event. There would be no fairground because it had not done well. All entertainment and stalls would be located in the hall with fish and chips outside. Dance demonstrations increase attendance because parents come with the children. More of those would be useful.

Action: AF and the organising team

WARD FLEXIBILITY FUNDING

An application for funding to help run the Summer Fair and Winterfest was discussed.

Cllr Jeremy Meal reported that the fund covers all the wards in Stockport and there had been a slight change in focus to encourage new start-up ventures.

Action: Team to explore how to apply for Ward Flexibility Funding.

BRIEF UPDATES

CHURCH

No update because DR could not attend the meeting.

AVRO HERITAGE MUSEUM

TB reported that the museum was doing very well. Various events were coming up including:

- Wings and Wheels [*Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th July 2025*] which had been going 9 years. This year the Lancaster would be arriving from the south between 1.45 and 2.15. Due to technical issues the Anson would not be coming.
- 1940s Weekend in September [*Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th September 2025*]

The museum had been doing more for the community and was obtaining funding for school children to visit whose parents could not afford it otherwise.

An application to Stockport Council for brown signs had been made.

A planning application for the large extension had been submitted. There had been discussions with the Council on the best ways to handle drainage.

WWMCC

AF reported that that there would be a new sign at front of building. The banners had been moved to other side of gate. The Council had supplied funds to construct a memorial garden on the site of the former playground in remembrance of people who died because of Covid.

WNF

For the benefit of the new attendees, EF explained the background to the formation Woodford Neighbourhood Forum in 2013 under the Localism Act and preparation of the neighbourhood plan, which was approved by residents at referendum in 2019. The neighbourhood forum was now a consultee on planning applications in the neighbourhood area and invited by the Council to submit comments.

Planning applications

Since the last WCC meeting in April, WNF had been notified about ten planning applications and had submitted comments on three of them. These had included:

- Avro Heritage Museum extension: Supported (TB had not participated in the discussion due to conflict of interest as Chair of the museum)
- 37 Hall Moss Lane change of use to clinic: Recommended assessment of traffic safety due to location of the access to the site on blind bends.
- 456 Chester Road new dwelling: Raised objections regarding compliance with policies on infill and design

There had been a planning enforcement case involving Hill Top Farm. The Neighbourhood Forum committee had asked to be kept up to date with progress on the case. A Planning Enforcement officer had conducted a site visit and supplied the residents and the forum with his conclusions.

Development proposals

The forum had placed a post on the WNF website and Facebook page explaining that sightings of surveyors in fields were due to landowners, agents and developers submitting sites for the Stockport Local Plan call for site and also preparing planning proposals for large developments on Green Belt sites ahead of the new Local Plan.

Four proposals for development on Green Belt sites in and around Woodford had emerged at various stages of the planning application process, including early requests to the Council for an opinion on whether an Environmental Impact Statement would be needed, developer consultations with the public, and Council public consultation on a planning application. The forum website and Facebook page provide residents with details of the location, proposal and stage in the planning application process.

The forum's position is to only respond to formal public consultations by developers and formal public consultations by the Council and to make the responses publicly available for complete transparency.

AOB

Regarding the problem of parking on Chester Road, PC reported that the contractors are due to leave at the end July/August, at which point the problem should ease. However, the commercial centre will be being built, so the same problem could arise. With regard to yellow lines on Chester Road, the Council traffic department will conduct a consultation. A warning about dangerous parking was issued to drivers of vehicles parked by dropped curb. Since then drivers had started parking at community centre, which is where they should be.

The AGM will be held in November. Date to be decided

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14th October 2025. EF to ask Heather Braddock about availability of the Church Hall.

Minutes approved at meeting on 15th January 2026

