



## **Woodford Community Council**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2012 AT THE VICARAGE, CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD**

#### **PRESENT**

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

Mr R Beatham, Dr D Buszard, Revd J Knowles, Cllr B Leck, Mr D McCall, Mr S Taylor and Mrs M White.

**By Invitation:** Mr R Barrow, Marketing Manager, Jackson, Barrett and Gass, Solicitors,

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Brammar.

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairman introduced Mr Rick Barrow of Jackson, Barrett and Gass, Solicitors, who had just become sponsors for the WCC website.

Mr Barrow welcomed the opportunity to talk to members of the WCC and outlined briefly the services that Jackson, Barrett and Gass were able to provide. He explained that they were a specialist private client law firm dealing with residential and commercial conveyancing, probate, wills and powers of attorney. The firm placed great emphasis on client service and had received a number of Law Society awards and accreditations, including the Law Society Excellence Award – the first firm in Cheshire to do so.

The Chairman thanked Mr Barrow for his short presentation and invited him to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

#### **1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3 January 2012, were approved.

## **2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

### **Minute 4 Committee Membership**

Members were sorry to learn that Mr Brown had resigned from the WCC and acknowledged his hard work in setting up and editing the e-Newsletter. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to him.

**ACTION:** Secretary

It was noted that Mr Coxey, former Chairman, had expressed an interest in re-joining the committee and it was agreed that he should be invited to attend the next meeting and become a co-opted member if he so wished.

**ACTION:** Secretary

## **3 FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Mr Berriman reported that the new account with Barclays had now been opened and that funds from the existing account would be transferred shortly. The current balance was approximately £1200.

## **4. WOODFORD LITTER DAY**

It was agreed that the next 'Keep Woodford Tidy' would be held on Saturday, 9 June 2012. The Chairman would contact Stockport Council to request their assistance in providing waste bags and litter pickers and disposing of the rubbish collected. As usual, volunteers would be invited to meet in the car park at the Community Centre at 10.00 am.

## **5. SUB-GROUP REPORTS**

### **(a) Development of Woodford Aerodrome**

Attention was drawn to the recent communication from Ian Harrison regarding the new Woodford Review, which was available online. It provided an update on the development of the site and announced two public meetings, which were to take place on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at Woodford Aerodrome and on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May at Poynton Civic Centre. These events were intended to provide an opportunity for local residents to have a look at the proposed master plans and discuss them with representatives of Avro Heritage, Harrow Estates, Stockport Council and Cheshire East Council. Some hard copies of the Review had also been distributed, but it was unclear how this had been organised. It was noted that information about the Poynton meeting had been circulated by Malcolm Adams, Town Clerk of Poynton, several days earlier. Members expressed surprise that information about the meetings had not been communicated to the WCC sooner and it was agreed that their concerns should be followed up with Ian Harrison.

**ACTION:** Cllr Leck, Secretary

It was also felt that WCC should seek more positive involvement by requesting a meeting with Jennie Daly, MD of Harrow Estates, before the public events.

**ACTION:** Secretary

It was suggested that it would be very useful for the Subgroup to meet a week or two earlier to agree a suitable structure for that meeting and put together a list of appropriate topics for discussion, questions, etc. This was agreed and all members were asked to consider specific points that they would like to see covered and send them to the Chairman.

**ACTION:** All members

Finally, it was noted that the Woodford Review also contained updated information on the SEMMMS A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road.

#### **(b) e-Newsletter and Website**

Since Mr Brown had now left the WCC, it was recognised that other members would need to assist in the preparation of the e-Newsletter. Dr Buszard reported that Mr Brown had passed over to him the database of 710 email addresses and, having consulted Mike Gallagher, he was hoping that it could be stored on the server, rather than on an individual computer.

It was decided that a Newsletter should be sent out as soon as possible with information about the forthcoming public events, SEMMMS, the new website sponsors and the date for the Litter day. Dr Buszard offered to prepare a draft and circulate it to members for their input.

**ACTION:** Dr Buszard

The Secretary reminded everyone that the closing date for the new Photo competition was five days away and so far there had been no entries. It was agreed to extend the closing date for receipt of entries to 15 April 2012 and to draw attention to this in the Newsletter. However, if insufficient entries were received, the competition might have to be abandoned.

#### **(c) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre**

It was noted that Mr Brown had also had resigned from his role as WCC representative on the Management Committee. In order to maintain liaison between the two organisations, Mr Taylor offered to attend the WWMCC Management Committee meetings as a non-voting Observer. It was agreed that the Secretary should put this proposal forward to Mr Freeth.

**ACTION:** Secretary

#### **(d) Stockport Council Issues**

Cllr Leck noted that the councillors were now in the run-up to the 2012 Local Elections, with Polling Day on 3 May 2012. There were no issues to report.

#### **(e) Neighbourhood Watch/Crime**

The Chairman reported that he had recently attended a meeting about the SSP Community Messaging Portal (Ringmaster) – a computerized communication system being set up by the Safer Stockport Partnership, which included the Council and the Police. The system, a free service, will offer local residents, Neighbourhood Watch schemes, businesses and partnership organizations information about crimes, incidents and events in their local area.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Two initial dates were suggested for the meeting with Harrow Estates – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – and it was agreed that if either was acceptable, the next WCC meeting would be arranged to follow immediately afterwards. The Secretary would confirm as soon as possible.

**(Secretary’s Note:** The date agreed with Ms Daly is **Wednesday, 2 May 2012**. The meeting will be held at the Vicarage and start at 7.00 pm.)

*Approved* .....

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