

Meeting of High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum

Date: 19th Feb **Time:** 7.30pm **Venue:** Windlehurst Meeting Room

Present: Richard Jones, Jeni Regan, Louise Kirkup (consultant), Cllr David Kidd, Anne Walker, Ann Young, Janet Burks, Trish Freeman, Helen Stocks, Annette Hargreaves, Hannah Rennie, Arun Thornley, Matthew Nicholson, Lyndsey Annikin -Nicholson, Hilary Stephenson, Paul Vickers, Claire Porterfield

Apologies: Cllr Kenny Blair, Neil Ball, Sheila Harrop, Carol Taylor Bruce, Kevin Monaghan, Steve Williams

1) The previous minutes were approved.

New people were welcomed to the meeting and introductions made.

2) Matters arising

Richard stated that a useful meeting had taken place between officers of the Residents Association and the Neighbourhood Forum in February when projects in High Lane were discussed. A summary will be circulated showing which projects are being run by the RA, which by the NF and also some joint ones.

Action: Claire / Richard to circulate the summary

3) Presentation from Cllr David Kidd from Disley

- Cllr David Kidd was thanked for taking the time to attend this meeting as a representative of the steering committee who created Disley's Neighbourhood Plan which is now complete. He stated it took two years of steady work to achieve it and said that enlisting planning support – as High Lane have done with Louise Kirkup - was very important as framing policies is a specialised skill. He stated that some policies may be removed or modified when the Plan reaches inspection stage as was the case for Disley with their Greenbelt policy.
- Cheshire East is currently consulting on site allocations. All smaller villages across Cheshire East, including Disley, are expected to contribute 3500 houses towards the overall total of 36,000 by 2030. Disley is expected to contribute 255 houses. They have 2014 houses under construction or recently completed so they have to build another 41 to meet their quota. It was commented that the extra homes in Disley will contribute to the traffic congestion on the A6 through Disley and High Lane.
- Disley had an air quality management area declared in 2010 starting at the Ram's Head and extending to Redhouse Lane. Residents are concerned about air pollution and a policy on this has been included in the Disley N. Plan. Developers have to prove they won't make the air quality worse. Cheshire East is developing an Action Plan re air quality. David stated that Disley needs to liaise with Stockport and High Peak regarding air quality issues since planning policies in both neighbouring areas impact on Disley. Stage 1 of mitigation measures have been completed in Disley and stage 2 is still to come focusing on ways of giving pedestrians a safer, less hostile road environment. Disley Parish Council website has the reports of the

steering committee's meetings and also a Presentation on Safeguarded Land by the Head of Strategic Planning which David said we might find useful to read. (See attachment)

Disley are aiming to set up a group to create an Action Plan and David suggested someone from High Lane might like to sit on that group.

Action: This suggestion will be circulated to members by Claire to see if someone would like to volunteer.

David was thanked for his attendance and for his sharing of ideas and information.

A question was asked whether the N. Forum will be consulted if planning applications come into SMBC. The answer was yes, the forum can ask to be a consultee.

4) Version 3 > 4 Draft Plan

(a) Richard thanked people who had sent in amendments. Louise will aim to incorporate those changes this week.

(b) Some responses from SMBC are still awaited. There is no information yet on Stockport's policy re EVCs. It was agreed that at this stage we will put in the number we think appropriate. Louise gave some examples. She said that Lancaster council had decided on one EVC per house, and allowing 10% parking space per house.

(c) There are still some maps we have not been able to get from SMBC. Louise suggested the forum tries to obtain an Ordinance Survey Licence number through the Public Service Mapping Agreement.

Action: Jeni to check this out.

(d) Once Version 4 of the Draft is ready it will be sent to Stockport for feedback. It will then be circulated for 3 weeks informal consultation which will be publicised on Facebook and by banners/ posters. We will need three or four hard copies of the Draft Plan and response sheets to have available in the library/medical centre. The Plan and response document will also be available on the web site. It is hoped to run the response from March 9th to March 30th.

Action: Jeni to send the draft to Stockport asking for their comments on the Draft Plan to be returned within a week or asap after that.

Action: Richard to circulate the key questions which will form the consultation response.

Action: Paul Vickers volunteered to print off 3 or 4 copies of the plan and he was thanked for this . Claire to send him Draft Plan for printing once it is finalised.

Action: Claire to check that the dates for the consultation are OK with the library and place the Draft Plan copies , questionnaires and post box there.

5) Design Codes

A Draft Design Code document has been prepared by Louise and Jeni and once completed it will be circulated with the draft plan for consultation. We need to decide whether to present it as an

appendix or part of the Plan. David stated it is important to be flexible in the suggestions made in the Design Code document and not too prescriptive.

Action: Jeni and Kevin to review the Design Codes document and feedback any amendments.

6) Significant Views

- Louise outlined how any photographs need to be captioned with a short paragraph describing each one. Louise suggested 2 significant views for this draft. We can add more later if required.

Action: Annette to send photos and captions submitted by local people to Richard/Louise

- It was agreed some aerial photographs would be good to capture the character of the village.

Action: Annette to send Richard 2 aerial pictures of the village and 2 significant views taken from public places and he will decide where to place the photos. Not all will be used for the final plan, forum members can decide which ones they think are most suitable.

7) Housing Survey

(i) Neil and Annette have created a survey to canvas people's views on housing numbers for High Lane now the revised GMSF has been published. Annette read through the questions. It can be viewed on Facebook and the HLVNF's website and has received 140 responses so far. Richard stated that information collected in this way can be used to inform parts of the Plan but is not directly involved in the Plan.

(ii) Hilary suggested that the list of questions could be published in the Residents Association newsletter which will go out in March. It was also suggested we could use the newsletter to raise publicity about the consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan.

(iii) It was suggested that when we are preparing for the formal consultation we can try to get sponsorship for a print of 2200 copies .

Action: Neil to send a copy of the survey to Richard who will write an introduction to accompany its presentation in the RA newsletter.

8) Explanation of the Neighbourhood Plan's purpose and scope

There was discussion around the best way to distribute copies of the explanation. Ideas included putting a folded copy in the Residents Association newsletter . If this idea is used Hilary emphasised she does not want to add extra work for the volunteers who distribute the RA newsletter.

Action: Trish to send a copy of the summary to Annette who will get a quote for printing and folding 2200 copies.

9) An Idea

Hannah explained how Hazel Grove Furniture Station has closed down but there is still a big need for the service it supplied. She would like to set up a new Furniture Station in the High Lane area for example in an empty building and to find people to set it up and run it as a charity. Hilary suggested the Residents Association would be a good starting point to find interested people. Hannah said she would like to arrange a meeting for interested people to attend. Richard thanked Hannah for her explanation and agreed it was a good idea and it might be included in the Neighbourhood Plan under recycling initiatives.

Action: Hilary to put the information in the Residents Association newsletter. Hannah to forward details to Hilary

10) Forum's response to GMSF

Richard outlined that the forum's response will include Cllr Blair's points as publicised in his leaflet. The forum will express a preference for the improvement of Middlewood Station rather than building a new station.

Action: Richard will draft this and circulate to members

11) AOB

Richard has completed an Environmental Consultation for SMBC. This shows that High Lane does not need a Strategic Environmental Assessment. It is hoped that Stockport Planning will support the Forum by completing the next section which is extremely detailed and technical.

Action: Jeni to check with Stephen Price and Jonathan that the council can be asked to carry out the work.

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday 19th March **Time :** 7.30pm **Venue:** Windlehurst Meeting Room