

Minutes of the Meeting of High Lane Neighbourhood Forum

Date: 20/4/21 **Time** 7.30pm **Venue:** Windlehurst Church

Present: Richard Jones, Janet Burks, Ann Young, Helen Stocks, Anne Walker, Trisha Conroy, Carol Taylor Bruce, Claire Porterfield

Apologies: Trish Freeman, Cllr Aron Thornley

Approval of previous minutes : The minutes were approved after the correction in some versions of a sentence in Point 2 . The bracketed section should read *small scale development ... referring to development of 10 or fewer houses* (not 10 or more)

1) The Independent Examination

Some initial comments and questions on the High Lane NP have been received from the IE. Following this, three Neighbourhood Forum representatives had a very useful meeting with SMBC planners on April 14th and discussed each of the IE's points and the possible responses open to the NF. The results of this discussion have been shared with the members of the Forum's working parties who have brought their thoughts on the IE's comments to the meeting tonight. The main purpose of tonight's meeting is to go through each of the IE's comments or questions and shape the NF's final response which will then be sent to the IE and to SMBC.

7.45 -9.0 : This process ensued and was completed. **Action:** Claire to send the Forum's response to the IE and SMBC

Since the meeting the NF's responses to the IE's comments have been sent to him(22/4/21) and to SMBC who have also sent their responses to the IE. The IE informed us that he made an unaccompanied visit to HL on 19th April.

2) Next Steps

The next stage will be receiving the IE's Final Report sometime in May/June. From this point it is likely that the Forum's need for support from our consultant will be reduced since much of the remaining work has to be carried out by SMBC planning.

3) Financial Update

1) There is currently £343.87 left in the Forum's account. We will be able to claim back £980 from Locality to cover consultancy charges , the running of the website and insurance costs. This should cover costs to the end of this financial year.

2) Richard has e mailed Emma Curle at SMBC Planning to see if we may be able to obtain some financial support from the Marple Area Flexibility Fund for ongoing expenses. He is awaiting to hear from her.

3) It was agreed that local sponsorship of some description will also be sought .

4) AOB

1) Richard has had an interview about the NP with a reporter from the Marple Review and an article is to be published. It will be attached to future minutes once published. It was agreed this will be very helpful publicity pre referendum

2) Trisha informed people that BBC North West will be discussing the Green Belt on 21/4/21.

3) Trish also reminded people that SMBC are currently doing a Call for Brownfield Sites which closes on May 23rd. The Forum supports the use of brownfield sites for development. Anyone can suggest a site; you do not have to own it. Further information has since been received from SMBC with details of how to get in touch with the council over this. This information from SMBC is attached with these minutes.

4) Janet pointed out there are a number of people who provide invaluable support to the Forum as and when needed. She suggested we create an associate membership status so that membership categories would be:

-Committee

-Forum member who lives/works in HL Neighbourhood Area and receives regular e mail updates

-Partner who has a business in HL Neighbourhood Area

-Associate Member who provides support for particular issues or projects

It was agreed this is a good idea and after the referendum we will research how to amend the Constitution to achieve this.

5) Date of Next Meeting

Date : May 25th **Time:** 7.30pm **Venue:** Windlehurst Church