

Meeting of High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum

Date: 10 August 2021 **Time:** 7.30pm **Venue:** by zoom

Present: Richard Jones, Janet Burks, Trish Freeman, Trisha Conroy, Carol Taylor Bruce, Claire Porterfield, Cllr Aron Thornley

Apologies: Ann Young, Anne Walker, Helen Stocks

Richard welcomed people to the meeting and no issues were raised over the minutes of the previous meeting.

1) Planning and Publicising the Referendum Campaign

1) SMBC have set 16th September as Referendum Day . The Information Statement and Notice of Referendum, together with all details related to the Referendum and Plan are on the Forum website at: <https://www.hlvnf.org>

and on SMBC's website at:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/high-lane-neighbourhood-planning-referendum>

2) There will be polling stations at the village hall and library. A meeting between forum members and SMBC election officers has taken place and notes have been shared with committee members. These notes sent by the Electoral Officer at SMBC were gone through. It was noted that campaign material for a Yes vote must not be displayed on any council property and that canvassing on the Referendum Day must not take place within close proximity of the polling stations.

3) Very useful advice, tips and exemplars have been sent by Woodford Neighbourhood Forum based on their own experience of organising a referendum in 2019. Woodford's chair person was warmly thanked for her support.

4) It was agreed that we will register as a Campaign group with the council. Richard agreed to be the named contact on the form

Action: Claire to do the paperwork on this and send off to SMBC.

5) It was agreed that we will get a quote for flyers

50 A4 leaflets

200 A5 leaflets

3 new banners

It was suggested we use the Protected Views from the Plan with the forum's logo on one side of the leaflet/banners and Vote Yes on the other side in yellow and that this also be put on our web site.

Action: Richard to draft the format of the leaflets/banners and obtain a quote from Goyt Mill printers

6) It was agreed that spreading news of the Referendum by word of mouth to friends, neighbours and acquaintances will be crucial. At this point it is not clear if we have the resources to do a full leaflet drop across the village. We will aim to do all we can and what is feasible. Various members offered to drop leaflets/visit houses in the vicinity of their homes. The forthcoming Open Day will also help to publicise the Plan and Referendum. Posters displayed in gardens can also be used to advertise the referendum date and promote a Yes vote.

2) Referendum Day : Thursday 16 September

1) Count Representatives can apply to be present at the count. Janet and Trish F expressed interest in being there. Anyone else interested needs to declare their interest. Claire will forward names to SMBC before 9th September.

2) It was agreed that forum members will be invited to take on the voluntary role of tellers for an hour at a time. Tellers are supervised by the election staff present on the day. 9th September is the deadline for sending in names and addresses of tellers to the council. Committee members may also volunteer and a rota will be drawn up.

Action: Claire to include the invitation when sending out email notification of the arrival of the polling cards to forum members. Claire will also send this e mail to Janet who will check if the Residents Association will agree to send it out to their members as well.

3) It was agreed that the timetable of dates leading up to the Referendum will be put on our Facebook page together with a referendum announcement.

Action: Trish F to do this

3) Open Day Saturday 4th September

1) The Open Day will be at the large hall in the village hall and will run from 10am to 4pm.

2) Richard has display boards which he can bring

Action: Janet to send the policies which she has kindly grouped together. We will print these out and have them available at the Open Day. We will also have 3 copies of the Referendum version of the full Plan printed out for Open Day.

Action: Claire to organise the printing of the policies and Plan.

3) Posters advertising the Open Day will be displayed across the village.

Action: Claire to organise these.

4) Aron said he can be present 1-4 at the Open Day and this is much appreciated. Committee members were thanked for volunteering and the rota is attached with these minutes. If other people can give some time that is fine and we can amend the rota. Aron also offered to organise bringing refreshments.

4) Financial Update

1) Janet gave an update. £1964.61 is the balance following the recent monthly insurance payment of £12.88. We should probably budget £400 for printing costs. (leaflets, banners, printing out of Plan/policies)

2) It was pointed out an invoice has not been received from our consultant for her last half day of work.

Action: Janet to check on this

5) Website

The website has been updated. Once SMBC had put the material on their website (*now done*) the forum were able to proceed. With thanks to SEO Express.

6) Planning Update

1) Ian C, lead of the Planning group, has responded giving the Forum's views on the proposals for the Dog and Partridge site to be used as a Co-op. He has explored whether they would consider having apartments over the shop but this is not possible as the site has not been bought by a developer but by the Co-op itself whereas any housing development would need to be developer led. He has sent details to the Co-op of how their proposed building could be made more aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with existing architecture in the village. Ian was thanked for the detailed work he has put into this.

2) Trish F pointed out that it will be important to ensure there is enough space for cars to turn right coming from the direction of Windlehurst Road so that traffic is not held up.

7) AOB

The Residents Association AGM will be on 21st October at 7.30pm at the village hall

8) Date of Next Meeting

21st September: 7.30pm at the Red Lion. Richard offered to book the back room

