

Minutes of meeting of High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum

Date: July 6th 2021 **Time:** 7.30pm **Venue:** Windlehurst Methodist Church

Present: Richard Jones, Janet Burks, Ann Young, Helen Stocks, Trish Freeman, Carol Taylor Bruce , Claire Porterfield, Cllr Aron Thornley

Apologies: Trisha Conroy, Anne Walker

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting

1) Progress of the Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan has been passed by the Scrutiny Committee, Marple Area Committee and by the Cabinet meeting of the council on the 29th June. Cllr MacAlister was thanked for his kind words at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee. The Plan will be submitted for final approval on Thursday 15th July at the meeting of the full Council. The referendum is likely to be early to mid September.

2) Feedback on Development Management Meeting

1) Janet Burks and Ian Carpenter were thanked for attending the virtual meeting on 1st July with Mark Burgess, Steve Johnson and Jonathan Mayo from SMBC and thanks to Janet for the summary which she circulated to the rest of the committee (See attachment) .

2) The Plan's weight within Stockport increases incrementally as it receives approval from the various committees and provided the Plan is approved at referendum , any local planning applications from then will have to be in line with the Neighbourhood Plan's policies . Janet has organised the policies into a single document to make it easier for the planning group who are already scrutinising and commenting on applications. This will be made available pre referendum to make it quicker for local people to read the key points.

3) After the 15th July there will be another meeting between the Forum and SMBC to finalise the date of the referendum and give detailed information on how it will be run by SMBC. At this stage we know there will be two polling booths at the Village Hall and one at the library.

3) Preparations for the Referendum

1) It is planned to hold an Open Day event to publicise the referendum in early September. The Coming Out of Covid event which it was hoped to hold at the park has had to be cancelled so we need to make separate arrangements.

Action: Claire to check availability with the village hall on 4th or 11th September.

2) The referendum will also be advertised through Windlehurst Chronicle (Helen to send Claire contact details), St Thomas Church Magazine, The Marple Review as well as to forum members by e mail, on Facebook, and by displaying posters and banners around the village. It was agreed that we will pay for some new banners and that while we have enough money we will continue to use Windlehurst chapel to meet and prepay for several months as before. During winter meetings we may revert to virtual meetings.

4) Finance /Grant update

All details have been submitted for the grant- with many thanks to Richard, Janet and Barry, treasurer from the Residents Association, for their work in obtaining this. (*Grant received 9/7/21*). Account now has £1900 which will enable the Forum to pay our consultant and pay for the above mentioned publicity for the referendum and for the Public Liability Insurance which is due in July.

5) Website Update

Once SMBC have put the information re Reg. 16 , the IE's report and the referendum on their website the Forum will put the same information on its website.

Action: SEO Express to be contacted by Claire to give them notice that there will be a significant amount of work to be done on the website probably at the end of July.

6) Planning Applications

The sub group have looked at several applications including: outline planning application for 262 Windlehurst Road, change of use from underground reservoir to dwelling and an application from Moe's Barbers for a garden room at the back of the premises,

There was an inquiry whether there is any news on the Dog and Partridge. Janet said no planning application has come through. It was commented that the site needs to be made secure as it would currently be easy for gypsies/travellers to enter.

7) AOB

1) Richard informed the committee that he will be stepping down as chair at this year's AGM in November . He is sad to step down but it is due to pressure of his work. He will remain on the committee and be happy to help out and offer advice. Everyone expressed their thanks to Richard for all he has already done and wished him well for the future.

2) There was a question about how the Forum will operate once the Plan is "made". The Plan will need to be reviewed and the NF will be an important part of discussions with Stockport Local Plan makers. The government changes to planning rules will come through after our Plan has gone through.

3) All Neighbourhood Forums run for 5 years at a time so an application will need to be made to renew the Forum's time- span, High Lane Forum being now in its fourth year.

4) Trish suggested that it would be a good idea to publish a timeline for the remainder of the Plan on Facebook and this was agreed by all.

5) It was agreed we probably need a meeting in August to plan the Open Day. A virtual meeting was agreed on because of possible holiday plans.

Action: Helen to let Muriel know the forum won't need the use of Windlehurst in August.

8) Date of next meeting

Date: 10th August **Time:** 7.30pm **Venue :** Zoom meeting