

Meeting of High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum

Date : 26/1/21 **Time:** 8pm **By:** Zoom

Present: Richard Jones, Janet Burks, Trish Freeman, Trisha Conroy, Helen Stocks, Claire Porterfield, Cllr Aron Thornley

Apologies: Anne Walker, Ann Young, Carol Taylor Bruce

The minutes of the previous AGM meeting in November 2020 were approved as a true record

1) Update from meeting with SMBC

A virtual meeting was held between SMBC planners, Steve Johnson, Jonathan Mayo and election officer Caroline Bell, and Richard, Janet and Claire on 21/1/21. Feedback from this was given to the rest of the committee. See below

(a) 6 week Consultation

Our Plan has been submitted to Stockport council who are intending to do the 6 week formal consultation starting

Wednesday 27th January and concluding Sunday March 14th at 11.59pm.

They will be organising press notices, publishing the Plan and other submission documents on their website and making hard copies of the Plan and other documents available at Marple and Hazel Grove Libraries by appointment on 0161 217 6009.

(i) Copies of the Plan and submission documents can be seen at the council website on <https://consultation.stockport.gov.uk/>

(ii)Comments can be made by email at neighbourhood.plans@stockport.gov.uk

(iii)Responses can also be made by post to:

Technical Policy and Planning(FPH4) , Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Stopford House, Piccadilly Stockport SK1 3XE

(iv) Copies of the Plan and other submission documents can also be seen at the forum's website at <https://www.hlvnf.org>

(v) Any queries about the Consultation can be made to 0161 474 4551.

The Forum can promote the Consultation in Covid safe ways round the village using posters and also online via the website and social media. Our materials need to mirror the council's.

Action: Trish F has a message re the Consultation ready to put on High Lane Village Face book page and Neighbourhood Plan Face book page. Committee members to “like” the message if they are happy with it

Action: Janet to create a poster, modelled on the council’s information sheet ,publicising the consultation. It will be displayed around High Lane and be sent out with these minutes to members and Partners

Action: The Communications Officer from the Residents Association to be asked by Janet to email the poster to members of the RA.

Action: Claire to send a copy of the poster to St Thomas, the local church, and ask for it to be published in their monthly newsletter

Action: If possible Richard will put up two banners in the village publicising the consultation

(b) The Forum website

The website will need to be updated by 27 January.

Action

Jamie at SEO Express has been contacted by Claire and Trish F and has updated the website at very short notice. The Forum is very grateful to him and his team for doing that considerable amount of work so quickly.

(c)Responding to feedback from the Consultation

The Consultation ends 14 March and the council will pass on any letters or emails received to the Forum. Consideration will be given to all feedback received and amendments to the Plan will be made as appropriate.

Action: Janet has prepared a chart to record the feedback we receive from the Consultation and the Forum’s response to the feedback. This will be completed between March 15th and 28th March.

(d)Appointment of the Independent Examiner

The Plan will then be passed to the Independent Examiner to scrutinise between 29th March and 25th April. Unfortunately John M our chosen examiner will not be available for a big chunk of this time. It was therefore agreed that we would appoint a different Examiner as 15th July is the full council meeting when the Plan needs to receive approval . If the Plan is not ready by that date the next full council meeting isn’t until 7 October which puts everything back by a long way.

Action: SMBC will contact other IEs once the consultation is underway giving the key dates they need to be available to examine the HL Plan.

(e) Organisation of the Referendum

Caroline Bell from the council electoral dept spoke about how the referendum will be run. The idea is to hold it in September when the holiday is over. SMBC will run it like a regular election sending out poll cards and postal votes , providing staff on the day and for the count and declaration. 6 weeks before the referendum the council publish notice of it happening.

The village hall, High Lane primary and Brookside school will be used as polling booths and the count will be done at the village hall. Anyone in the area on the electoral register will be eligible to vote. The Forum is allowed to canvas before the referendum. There are spending limits on how much can be spent on a referendum. Caroline will give more detail nearer the time.

(f)Withdrawal from GMSF and its effect on the Plan

Jonathan asked the forum to consider the impact of the withdrawal of GMSF on the Plan. It was agreed that the sub group leaders would look over their sections to check any references to GMSF and whether minor amendments to wording were needed. Steve said one policy has a reference to GMSF . These read- throughs can be done in parallel with the consultation and Richard will ask Louise to review the Plan from that angle. We are asked to keep a log of any changes. Richard suggested group leaders can use Find and Replace to locate references to GMSF in their texts. Cllr Thornley suggested an explanatory note could be written near the start of the Plan briefly explaining the history of the GMSF references and the vote against GMSF in November 2020. It was agreed this would be a good idea.

Action: Richard to contact Louise to ask for some advice re the GMSF references and to ask her to write the Explanatory note. The IE will also be asked for an opinion on this matter.

(2) Update re HL site allocations

Richard requested Cllr Thornley to ask Stockport planners to pass him an official letter from the developers KCS which was referred to at the Council meeting in November when GMSF was voted out. The Forum would like to see the contents of the letter. Aron agreed to contact SMBC over this.

Work on Stockport Local Plan is ongoing and it is anticipated to be ready by 2023. The Neighbourhood Plan should be ready ahead of the Local Plan which will increase the impact of the HL Neighbourhood Plan and give it a direct influence over future events.

(3) Financial Update

The Forum currently has £1782 in the bank. Richard to check with Locality whether the forum can put in another application for funds because of the delays caused by Covid to cover later work the consultant will need to do following the scrutiny of the Plan by the IE (probably 2 days work about £840)

It was agreed that payment will be made to Jamie for the extra work he has just completed on the website.

Action: Janet to arrange payment to Jamie

The £500 received from Marple Area Committee will not be spent at the moment. A decision on how to use it at the referendum time will be made.

(4) AOB

(1) The updated Landing Page on Housing will be sent to the website on Saturday.

Action: Committee members are asked to look at the Trisha C s current draft and consider if amendments /additions are needed.

(2) Aron pointed out that although the government White Paper states they are not intending to use Green Belt land he and many others believe that in the longer term a conversation on the green belt will need to happen.

(3) The site of the former Dog and Partridge pub was discussed and it was pointed out it is a prime example of a brownfield site within the settlement boundary of HL which could be used for development

(4) The planning sub group have received 4 planning applications this year which are not contentious. The most substantial is Roselaya on Buxton Road which has applied to build a bungalow to replace existing stables

(5) Aron was thanked very much for hosting this zoom meeting.

(5) Next meeting

The date will be Tuesday February 23rd at 7.30 pm by Zoom.