

Minutes Meanwood Valley Partnership Open Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 11th January 2017 Holy Trinity, Lower Community Hall

Present : Chris Sheard (CS), Gordon Charlesworth (GC), Rachel Fletcher (Minutes), Sue Sheard (SS), Chris Swales (CSw), Karen Waddington (KR), Norman Ramsden (NR), Rachel Ramsden (RR) Cllr. Alex Sobel, + 22 local residents.

Apologies : Eileen Hart, Cllr Sharon Hamilton, Cllr. Rebecca Charlwood, Barbara Blakeney

Minutes of previous meeting - agreed.

1. Funding Applications and Requests (GC)

There is currently £7,590 in the bank account. A full financial overview will be given at the AGM in March. An application will be put in to the LCC Wellbeing Fund for the Festival and Funday.

2. Heritage Lottery Project (GC)

A request for a volunteer to take on role of MVP committee HL project leader supporting Daniel Malster (Senior Ranger, LCC Parks & Countryside) with the project (putting in and applying for the funding and then overseeing the subsequent implementation), had not had any volunteers yet. (After the meeting Janet Mitchell came forward to volunteer to take on the role).

3. 2017 Funday (GC)

The organising group have had 2 meetings and roles have been allocated. More volunteers are requested to make cakes and tombola prizes are needed, e-mail meanwoodvp@hotmail.com if you are able to help.

4. 2017 Festival (CSw)

This will run from Saturday 20th to Monday 29th May, finishing with the Funday. Another small group of volunteers are also helping organise this and there are lots of sponsors. It is hoped to extend the reach more westwards this year e.g. Beckhills area. The group are looking for more events, so let MVP know if you want to be involved, the events will need to be in by the end of March (to allow for printing leaflets etc.).

5. 2017 Christmas Lights

Following the new MVP light last year, it has been agreed to try a school competition for a new Christmas light for this year. It was decided to do the scheme with Green Rd School this year and if successful other schools in future years. MVP is in the process of buying the winning light design. Waitrose green token scheme will probably be used again this year to contribute to the cost. Other suggestions such as possibly encouraging shops to erect/sponsor small illuminated trees above their shopfronts were discussed.

6. Highbury Cricket Ground Update

Cllr. Sobel gave an update.

The Highbury Trust Community Group intend to give a presentation of their proposals at the next MVP open meeting/AGM in March.

7. Tetley Field Update (Tetley Field Campaign Group TFCG)

Martyn Thomas(Chair, Weetwood Residents Association) thanked those who supported their campaign from Meanwood side of the Beck and gave an update. Since the last meeting the planning applications for housing at Tetley Fields and Tingley had been withdrawn by the applicant. However, the application for the Headingley stadium redevelopment is still going forward. The Site Allocation Plan (SAP) process is still going forward, however, their is Cllr.

support for taking Tetley Fields out of the SAP. See sogtetleyfield.com for most up to date information on this.

Now that the land likely to be removed from the housing allocation possible uses will be looked into e.g. possible integration of the site into Meanwood Park or informal area with public access. TFCG are looking at applying for the site to be registered as a Asset of Community Value (see www.leeds.gov.uk/News/Pages/Keeping-your-local-Assets-local.aspx).

8. Meanwood Working Men's Club Planning Application

Cllr. Sobel said the main sticking point to the issue of final approval was agreeing the off site greenspace contribution as the applicants thought King Alfred's Fields was too far away from the site.

However, the recent notices on the site 'land acquired for Hillcrest & Louis' were seen as a sign of progress.

9. Boundary Commission Review of Ward Boundaries

Once the current proposals are released further submissions can be made.

10 Planter/Bins/Stone Outside Ladbrookes (CS)

CS said the landowners have agreed to the work. Nigel Lees will kill off the weeds and remove the tree stumps and then plant an 'urban meadow'. Highways had been asked whether the wheelie bin enclosures proposed will need planning permission. It was said that as long as they did not interfere with traffic sight lines and they were not bigger than the existing bin profiles then there should be no problem. They were to visit after contact and receiving proposal graphic in September but to date they do not appear to have done so.

11 12-15 Parkside Road

Cllr Sobel said that the planning application for 'Part demolition of existing buildings and erection of three terraced houses with parking' 16/05216/FU was likely to be recommended for approval at the next plans panel meeting. Thus enforcement action re. state of the building was on hold.

12 Green Rd/Stonegate Rd Junction Improvements

106 moneys in the area (e.g. Waitrose, WMC) would be pooled together for the scheme. It was asked if Highways could give us a figure of what the shortfall in funding currently is and Cllr. Sobel said he would try and get a design. It was stated that the pelican crossing on Stonegate Road is still not allowing enough time for less able people to cross, Cllr Sobel said he would look into this.

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There were rumours that work had stopped on the site. Cllr Sobel said he would look into this.

14 Woodleas

It was noted that the paths are still quite muddy (and maybe adequate drainage not put in). CS said he would send comments to the Trust/contractors re. this.

15 Home Security

Recent burglaries were noted and it was stated that local business Safer Homes on Church Avenue saferhome.org.uk give free security checks.

Date of AGM and next open meeting - Wednesday 8th March AGM and General Meeting 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Lower Community Hall unless stated otherwise nearer the time.