

Minutes Meanwood Valley Partnership Open Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 10th August 2016 Holy Trinity, Lower Community Hall

Present : Chris Sheard (CS - Chair), Gordon Charlesworth (GC), Rachel Fletcher (Minutes), Chris Swales (CSw), Sue Sheard (SS), Eileen Hart, + 22 local residents

Apologies : Karen Waddington, Rachel Ramsden, Norman Ramsden, Annie Skelton, Scott Westlake, Cllr. Sharon Hamilton, Cllr. Rebecca Charwood, Cllr. Alex Sobel, Des Hurley, Audrey Hosty.

Minutes of previous meeting - agreed.

1 Meanwood Valley Heritage Project (GC)

Unfortunately the bid has been unsuccessful with only 1 in 4 projects being approved at present. The advisors suggested restructuring, maybe on a smaller scale, and resubmitting.

2 Funding Applications & Requests (GC)

No new applications have been put in. Recent payments have included £200 to Meanwood Cricket Club for bench repairs as a thank you for the Funday and £100 to Meanwood Scouts for helping with the inflatables on the Funday.

3 Meanwood Festival & Fun Day 2017 (CSw & SS)

Volunteers are still needed to run the Festival & Fun Day next year. If no volunteers come forward before the end of September they will not happen in 2017. However, if they don't happen there are ideas for other events.

4 Highbury Cricket Club site

Ed Flatley the new owner of the site was not at the meeting, Chris Sheard will invite him to the next one. Julian Oxley gave an update on the Highbury Works Community Trust (details will be on the new Highbury Trust website shortly highburyworks.org).

5 Tetley Fields Planning Application

Martyn Thomas (Chair Weetwood Residents Association) and Carolyn Hull thanked MVP and local residents for access to the Funday and support for the campaign. To date there had been over 500 submitted and registered individual letters of objection. There is an online petition at <http://www.sogtetleyfield.com/news/please-sign-this-petition-today-to-show-your-support-and-save-tetley-field> or a written petition is available in Fobi's in Meanwood. The petitions have gathered many more signatures. There is still time to object.

Weetwood Residents' Association raised several thousands of pounds, sufficient funds so far to pay for professional advice.

6 Leeds Park Survey

It was suggested that residents might like to take part in the Leeds Park Project survey leedsparksproject.wordpress.com/ . Have your say about Leeds Parks, with chance to win a reward!

7 Planter and Bin Outside Ladbrokes (CS)

Nigel Lees had produced a proposal for improvements including a wild flower bed. CS had met with the owners and councillors and was meeting with a city council officer on Friday to discuss. Councillors have been asked to find out what we can do given constraints etc. (e.g. Highway restrictions etc.).

8 Woodleas

Pathway improvements and essential tree works have started. Leeds and York NHS Foundation Trust will maintain ownership and be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

9 Boundary Commission (CS)

Initial comments/suggestions for possible ward boundary changes are sought by the boundary commission by 5th September see consultation.lgbce.org.uk . CS had sent in a suggestion to ward councillors from the MVP committee which suggests altering the southern boundary of the current Moortown ward to include the whole of central Meanwood, including the medical centre, as well as the Highburys and Bentleys.

10 Meanwood Grove Drystone walling event and Volunteer Ranger Days

Re. the fallen wall at Meanwood Grove, Carolyn Hull said Countryside Ranger Joe Walker is more than happy to teach dry stone walling at Meanwood and can plan a day/days for the volunteer rangers to make a start in November or December this year. Contact Joe Walker - see below.

Volunteer Rangers are going to Meanwood Park to remove the self-seeded trees in the myre near the arboretum on **Tuesday September 6th** all are welcome to join them. (For details of where to meet and for more information about the group contact Countryside Ranger Joe Walker: Tel: 0113 3367555 or 07891277006 or joseph.walker@leeds.gov.uk)

11 Green Rd/ Stonegate Rd Junction improvements

Still at feasibility stage.

12 Oates/Meanwood Park sign

One or two people had asked about getting the Oates/Meanwood Park sign on Green Rd that is facing the wrong way returned to its correct position. There is an online form for residents to report this and other similar issues direct to the council at www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Barriers-bollards-lights-and-signs.aspx

13 Traffic Lights at Pedestrian crossing at the Bottom of Stonegate Road

It was noted that the traffic lights at Pedestrian crossing at the Bottom of Stonegate Road are a lot slower to change than they have been in the past and it was suggested that residents make online comments requesting they are changed if they want to try and get the lights changed back. This can be done at the same web page as above www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Barriers-bollards-lights-and-signs.aspx

14 Campaigns Pages on MVP Website

It was suggested that MVP website has a campaign pages. This is being looked into.

15 Holmwood Rat Run

It was commented that the Holmwoods have become a rat run since the speed cushions/tables have been put on Church Lane.

16 The Somme Centenary Day and Remembrance Service

The MVA Somme centenary day and remembrance service were very successful and Cynthia was thanked for doing such a fantastic job. The councillors were also thanked for the new bench.

17 Future Ideas

The MVP committee had been looking at possible future initiatives. Some Christmas lights with the MVP logo on have been ordered. Other ideas included winter lights in live tree, wood carving nature trail, more daffodil bulbs, photo archive of Fun Day, another Meanwood stone, Meanwood in bloom, mural on launderette wall and annual duck race.

18 Date/s of future meetings

After the meeting the dates for the next 2 open meetings were changed to **Wed 26th October 2016 and Wed 11th January 2017** (from 12 October and 14 December 2016 stated at the meeting). At 7.30pm in the Holy Trinity, Lower Community Hall.