

**Minutes of Meanwood Valley Partnership Open Meeting
Tuesday 7th November 2017, 7.30pm, The Fenton Room, Holy Trinity Church**

Present : Chris Sheard (CS - Chair), Karen Waddington (KW), Rachel Ramsden (RR), Sue Sheard (SS), Carolyn Hull (CH - FOMP(MV)), Gordon Charlesworth (GC), Chris Swales (CSw), Janet Matthews (JM), Sylvia Jay (SJ), Rachel Fletcher (RF- minutes), and 26 local residents.

1 Apologies : Cllr Charlwood, Annie Skelton.

2 Minutes of previous meeting (13th September 2017)

Corrections/comments from Carolyn Hull were read out:

Item 13 FOMP(MV)

She did not say some trees were dangerous, as she can't judge. Trees do naturally shed branches as part of their lifecycle.

She will discuss weedkiller with the Parks Manager when able.

Item 15 Enchanted Forest

CH suggested proper consultation, but had had no input into how this was carried out.

'Said good idea' is a misrepresentation of her views, where the project is sited has always been of concern to her. People have been asking her if FOMP(MV) is responsible for the project. So she has been correcting them on its origin.

Minutes agreed with amendments as above. Proposed Ali McVey, Seconded Karen Waddington.

3 Treasurer

CS introduced Paul Almond who has volunteered to take over as Treasurer (as Gordon wants to step down as Treasurer). He will be formally co-opted onto the committee at the next committee meeting (subject to agreement).

Treasurer Report (Gordon Charlesworth)

Currently just under £10,500 in the bank (MVP & FOMP(MV) money). £79 had been received from the Myrtle from the raffle at the beer festival. A major cost will be to the council for christmas lights.

4 'Wilderness on Your Doorstep' Meanwood Valley Heritage Project (Janet Mathews)

JM said Leeds City Council will be taking the lead. The bid was submitted 6 weeks ago and it is expected to hear whether successful by the end of November.

5 Meanwood Festival 2018 (Gordon Charlesworth)

GC gave an update and stated all going nicely.

6 Funday 2018 (Sue Sheard)

SS said moving forward nicely. A request was made for help with the marquee.

Gail Nicolaidis asked for donations of items for the tombola.

7 Christmas Lights Turn On Monday 13th November, ASDA precinct

SS said it is intended to continue with the schools competition for a new motif each year. The light designed for this year by Meanwood C or E School pupil competition winner is outside Via Verde restaurant. The Meanwood school choir will perform from 6pm; the lights will be switched on 6.30pm and then the Meanwood Institutes Ukelele group will play until 7pm. The precinct shops will remain open. Alfreds & Myrtle Tavern will be providing complementary mince pies and mulled wine. Cllr. Hamilton said she would bring a PA system.

8 Friends of Meanwood Park - FOMP(MV) (Carolyn Hull) friendsofmeanwoodpark@gmail.com

CH reported that they had had 4 successful group action parties. In excess of 20 adults on those occasions. Last outing they dug the pond at the bottom of Meanwood Grove to encourage bio-diversity. Next 'outing' 25th November working with Parks and Countryside.

They have had meetings with various groups in Meanwood, Parks & Countryside Officers and the Head of Meanwood C of E School.

JM reported that from the £1,700 postcode lottery money an extra £135 more had been spent on more hi viz vests and safety goggles, litter pickers, loppers, gloves and a Hazel tree are/have been bought. The application for £1,800 from Green Leeds for greening the entrance to the park appears to be going well.

Local residents expressed concerns about some of the trees in the park.

A local resident expressed concern that litter is not always picked up before mowing (and particularly highlighted the area at the junction of Grove Rd/Meanwood Rd) Cllr Hamilton said litter is meant to be picked up before mowing so she will look into this.

JM said there is not lots of litter in the park.

9 Enchanted Forest Project (Sue Sheard & Chris Swales)

CS said some interesting comments had been made. He had decided to leave until summer next year (after the Festival & Funday) to do a proper consultation.

10 Tetley Field site, Weetwood Lane

CH reported that support for the campaign remains strong from both sides of the Meanwood valley and beyond. The SAP (Site Allocation Plan) is in the process of examination by independent inspectors. There is not expected to be any discussion relating to Tetley Field until sometime in the New Year. The Council are reviewing housing requirements for Leeds and it is expected that the proposed 70,000 homes will fall considerably. Will reduce pressure on Greenbelt?

11 Meanwood Village Stone site outside Ladbrookes

CS reported that a group of volunteers will be removing the current vegetation and planting bulbs for spring 10am-12 next Saturday 11th.

12 Christmas Lights

CS reported that the owners of the ASDA complex had agreed to allow Christmas lights and the tenants were quite positive about it.

13 Transition Meanwood & Orchard (Sylvia Jay)

SJ reported that Transition Meanwood was currently more or less inert apart from maintaining the Orchard on Parkside Road. They had raked the orchard recently (after LCC mowed) and will be pruning the apple trees in winter.

15 Website

CSw reported that the MVP website (www.meanwoodvalleypartnership.co.uk) had crashed a couple of months ago and in the last 2 weeks the site had been reformed with the help of Danny Hobkinson (designer). Carolyn Bond, Chris Swales and Gordon Charlesworth have helped to create the website with Stuart McMillan. Carolyn has volunteered to help with the content management. It is expected that the new site will be a lot easier to monitor and navigate in future.

16 Drains on Ring Road

A local resident reported that the drains either side of the Ring Road from Lawnswood to Sainsbury's were blocked (with grass cuttings) Cllr Hamilton said she would chase up clearance.

17 Meanwood Working Men's Club Site

Planning permission was granted in March (for 54 apartments and a smaller WMC [15/04521/FU](#)). NR reported that the site is now on the market for sale as a potential development site.

18 Highbury Cricket Pitch Site

Julian Oxley asked Cllr Hamilton re. current situation. Cllr Hamilton deferred to Cllr. Charwood who she said had met with Martin Faringdon (LCC Director of City Development). It was stated that a lot is happening behind the scenes, but nothing can be said at the moment.

19 Dunny Hill Bollards

Concern was expressed by local residents about the damaged Dunny Hill Bollards and it was suggested perhaps the bollards need to be more robust. Cllr Hamilton said it had been reported and the council will sort it.

20 13-15 Parkside Road

RR reported that the site (that has planning permission for 3 new terrace houses [16/05216/FU](#)) is up for sale.

21 Litter Bin Request

A local resident requested a litter bin at the bus stop near the Willow Tree (junction Stainbeck Rd/Grove Rd). Cllr Hamilton agreed to look into this. JM suggested we try not to have more litter bins and educate people to take their litter home.

22 Future Requests/Concerns

CS suggested that people make relevant requests direct to the Council/Cllrs and copy us in (meanwoodvp@hotmail.com) if important.
(See www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/How-to-raise-a-local-concern.aspx)

23 Date of next Open meeting - Tuesday 9th January 2018 in The Fenton Room in Holy Trinity Church Meanwood, unless stated otherwise nearer the time