



# **Teversal, Stanton Hill and Skegby Neighbourhood Forum**

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**Minutes of the Forum meeting & AGM held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023,  
held online via Zoom**

## **1. Attendance.**

Andrew Jenkins (Chair), Geoff Snare (Secretary), Jane Cooper, Lis Reid, Richard Goad, Lynn Henstock, Mike Vardy, Sallie Vardy, Julian Mclean, Lee Haywood, Becky Stevenson, Louise Causer

Apologies: Terry Whitehead (Treasurer), Doug Edwards

Andrew Jenkins started the meeting, welcoming everyone.

## **2. Minutes.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.  
There were no matters arising.

## **3. Finances.**

Opening balance for the year - £798.66

Income/Expenditure:

Income - £200 (donation from Vine Tree)

Expenditure - £421.28

(£15.93 hole punches Louise, £168.99 fridge, £212.36 liability insurance, £24 food share course)

**Closing balance - £577.38**

In addition we have been promised £500 from Cllr Helen-Ann Smith, which should arrive before the end of February.

## **4. Planning and Environment.**

Richard Goad outlined the main planning applications that were active at the moment:

- a. Pleasley Road, adjacent to Station Farm – some activity clearing the entrance to the site; apparently doubt has been expressed by Notts Highways regarding the applicants traffic survey, and they may conduct a survey of their own - still awaiting full planning application
- b. No change on the Persimmon Home development off Coppywood Close
- c. Whiteboro Farm application has been refused (thanks to Lynn Henstock for her efforts on this)
- d. Land adjacent to the Teversal Caravan Park – proposal for 8 dwellings, submitted by Michael Hollis – formal objection has been submitted by the Forum (thanks to Lis Reid & Mike Vardy)
- e. The caravan site itself has now been sold to the Welsh family

- f. Richard reminded everyone that even if the Forum makes a formal objection, which should carry more weight than an individual objection, every individual objection does add weight to the local voices against the application and the more objections the greater consideration to those objections will be given by the council

#### 5. **Friends of Stanton Hill**

Jane Cooper reported that a Santa display had been created in the Coop garden, but that the Santa had been stolen. This was in addition to the Remembrance poppies and yarn bombing that had taken place earlier in the Autumn.

Lee Haywood reported that open social events would be held at the Rose & Crown pub every Wednesday for an hour, for anyone feeling lonely; free tea & coffee and baps from the Cob Shop, plus free wifi; dates and time will be increased if demand is there

#### 6. **Heritage**

Lynn Henstock reported the following:

- a. The planning application at Whiteboro Farm has been refused and the footpath affected is to be re-instated

#### 7. **Climate Change & Sustainability**

Andrew Jenkins reported the following:

- a. Added Sustainability to the group title to reflect additional activities including the Library Food Share program
- b. The Food Share program is thriving, user numbers have doubled since June and there are now 10 volunteers
- c. There are now an increasing number of organisations donating non-perishable food stuffs, including St Andrew's and St Katharine's churches and 'Charity Without Borders' in Skegby
- d. The group is in discussion with ADC regarding the Council's climate change strategy and action plan – and an in-person meeting is scheduled for later in January
- e. The group proposed that a draft a Climate Change 'pledge' be put to all candidates for the local elections in May – the meeting agreed and asked the group to propose some suitable wording

#### 8. **Public Transport**

Mike Vardy reported that there had been no significant activity and he was waiting on feedback from Helen-Ann Smith

Richard Goad raised the topic of the state of the roads, in particular the stretch of the B6014 (Fackley Road / Mansfield Road) from the roundabout by the Stanton Hill Coop down to the junction with Gilcroft Street; he agreed to provide the wording of a complaint that could be submitted to Notts C.C. complaint process; Louise Causer highlighted that she had seen reasonable success with complaints about specific pot holes logged using the MyNotts phone app

#### 9. **Liveability Campaign**

Lis Reid reported the following:

- a. Lis apologies that she had been unable to make any substantive progress in this since the last meeting due to a number of personal / family issues, but that she now hoped to be able to give the project the focus she wanted

- b. The Draft Ashfield Local Plan seems to be dead in the water with no discernible activity
- c. The two large development sites in the ADC area with a total of around 3,000 new dwellings appear to be going ahead
- d. Under the Draft Local Plan the Neighbourhood Forum area was expected to take a large proportion of the remaining new dwellings, and as a consequence we now see to have become a 'honeypot' for new planning applications
- e. Despite our official status, the Neighbourhood Forum is not getting a lot of traction with the Council or developers regarding planning applications
- f. We should use the upcoming local elections as an opportunity to challenge candidates about their policies on developments and the necessary supporting services (health, education, roads, public transport, etc)
- g. Lis hopes to have an outline for the campaign by the end of January

#### **10. AGM topics**

- a. Election of officers – there being no other nominations, the current officers were re-elected:  
 Chairman – Andrew Jenkins  
 Secretary – Geoff Snare  
 Treasurer – Terry Whitehead
- b. Election of management committee members – there being no other nominations the current members were all re-elected:  
 Mike Vardy, Richard Goad, Lynn Henstock, Lis Reid, Chris Goodall, Jane Cooper

#### **11. Any Other Business**

- a. Mike Vardy highlighted that we are getting less and less engagement from ADC officers, primarily because they are constantly changing plus their roles keep changing, with many officers providing absolutely minimal interaction/engagement with the Forum  
 Louise Causer advised that she was in the process of raising an official complaint with the Local Council ombudsman regarding the lack of responses from certain departments within ADC
- b. Louise Causer advised that she was planning to undertake a new survey of Stanton Hill residents and asked for any suggestions for survey questions
- c. Jane Cooper raised the lack of participation in the forum and offered to provide suitable communication for publicising future Forum meetings and activities; she also suggested that the next Forum meeting should be in-person to help raise awareness and interest, perhaps with a focus on the Liveability Campaign / Local elections

#### **12. Next Meeting**

The next Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday May 3rd from 7pm. If sufficient progress has been made on the Liveability Campaign, we will consider holding an in-person meeting probably at All Saints Church Hall, Skegby, otherwise the meeting will be online via Zoom.

Attendees were thanked for their input to the meeting which closed at 8.35 pm.