Forum Meeting minutes for 23rd May 2018

Held at the Manor Room, Buttery Lane, Teversal Village, NG17 3JN

Chair: Mike Vardy; Minutes: Geoff Snare

Present:

Mike Vardy, Richard Goad, Geoff Snare, Pete Chambers, Andrew Jenkins, Jan Jenkins, Chris Goodall, Jane Cooper, Caroline Mills, Louise Rose, Harriet Mackenzie-Willams, Woody Mackenzie-Willams, Lisa Ellis, Helen Porter, Jackie Brewell, Anita Sheldon, Lynn Henstock, Sharon Berry, Janice Ashley, Lis Reid, Cllr Paul Roberts, Karen Henshaw, Kevin Henshaw

Apologies:

None

1. Minutes of previous Forum meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the Forum meeting held on February 7th 2018 were accepted as correct.

2. Finances

The current account balance is £983.68, unchanged from the balance at the time of the last Forum meeting.

A grant application for £5,000 has been made to the Cooperative Group under their community scheme – no response has been received to date.

REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Planning & Environment (Richard Goad)

Richard outlined the process of reviewing planning applications. He advised that the group had raised the issue of the S106 (Planning Gain) Agreements with ADC, in particular that the Gain should benefit the local community where the development is taking place and not be spread across the District.

He reported that the new leader of the council, Jason Zadrozny is supporting our position, in particular that the Gain from the Brand Lane development should be primarily spent to the benefit of Stanton Hill area.

Stanton Hill Regeneration (Mike Vardy)

The recent working group report was reviewed, and the survey process described. It was reiterated that any plans for Stanton Hill need to be based on the views of the local community. There have only been a small number of completed Business questionnaires, but these are being chased up with visits to individual businesses in Stanton Hill.

It was highlighted that facilities in nearby Healdswood, e.g. a skateboard park would be of benefit to young people in Stanton Hill, i.e. not every proposal needs to be based exclusively in Stanton Hill.

Kevin and Karen Henshaw from Starbox gym in the High Street again emphasised their openness to additional uses for their premises during day time.

The working group advised that they had received a copy of the ADC Stanton Hill draft plan, which was a number of years old and a number of projects had already passed their target dates with no action taken. It was suggested that the plan could be updated by the working group, adopted and

then presented back to ADC as a proposed plan of action.

The litter pick in Stanton Hill had been attended by 11 people and 17 bags of litter had been collected.

Heritage (Lynn Henstock)

The working group report was reviewed and there was then a discussion about the formal adoption of several footpaths that were identified as being in use but were not on the official definitive list.

Hydrocarbons & Minerals (Andrew Jenkins)

The working group report was reviewed.

Andrew advised that a grant application for £900 had been made to ADC for the production of an information booklet.

In addition, Andrew highlighted the government plan to reduce the requirement to obtain planning permission before any exploratory drilling for shale gas was undertaken and he urged members of the Forum to write to their local MP to object to this plan. There is also an <u>online petition</u> organised by Friends of the Earth that members can sign in support of the campaign against these changes to the planning regulations.

Andrew also highlighted the forthcoming court case where Ineos (a major fracking company) is suing the National Trust for refusing to allow any exploratory drilling in its Clumber Park site. Again Andrew urged Forum members to write to the National Trust in support of their position, (a template letter for this campaign is also available on the website).

Andrew also highlighted a recent report by Professor Peter Styles, a former Downing Street advisor, which said extracting gas from former coal mining areas "dramatically enhances" the risk of seismic activity, prompting calls for an immediate fracking moratorium. The working group is hoping to get Professor Styles to speak at their next open meeting.

HS2 (Janice Ashley)

Janice reviewed the latest working group report and reported that after much delay the working group had finally made contact with the HS2 Phase 2 organisation and the Forum has now been formally recognised as a representative body for the area.

There are a series of HS2 information events scheduled by HS2 over the next few months and Janice urged members to attend one of these meetings to ensure our concerns were represented. (The list of events is available on our website)

3. Any Other Business

It was announced that there will be a Litter Pick in Teversal Village on Saturday June 2nd, from 11.00am. There is also a Litter Pick planned for Skegby, on a date to be announced.

The issue of Whitehead Lane in Skegby was raised – the Planning and Environment working group agreed to investigate the current status and future plans of the Lane.

Secretary advised that all members had been asked to confirm their opt-in to Forum emails, to ensure compliance with the latest GDPR regulations.

The Heritage working group requested clarification on whether they should comment on planning matters related to assets that are not on the designated list – the meeting confirmed that they should continue to provide comments.

The meeting was advised that residents of Wild Hill were campaigning for the current 50mph speed limit to be reduced to 30mph, and a petition had been organised in support of the campaign.

4. Date of next meeting

The next Forum meeting, which will be the AGM, will be held on October 10th, 7.00pm, Baptist Church, Albert Street, Stanton Hill

Meeting closed at 8:50pm

Planning & Environment	Stanton Hill Regeneration	Heritage	Hydrocarbons & Minerals	HS2
Richard Goad (Lead)	Mike Vardy (Lead)	Lynn Henstock (Lead)	Andrew Jenkins (Lead)	Lis Reid (Co-Lead)
Jane Cooper	Jane Cooper	Jane Cooper	Steph Kay	Janice Ashley (Co-Lead)
Philip Chadwick	Lis Reid	Lis Reid	Richard Kay	Sharon Berry
Christine Price	Steven Jackson	Carolyn Halliwell	Harriet	Geoff Snare
Sharon Berry	Donna Mellar (TBC)	Anne Winstanley	Woody	
Bob & Josie Smith	Louise Rose	Sharon Berry	Chris Goodall	
Barry Nicoll	Andrew Jenkins		Jan Jenkins	
Louise Rose	Trish Phillips		Janice Ashley	
Richard Kay				
Steph Kay				
Pete Chambers				