

Teversal, Stanton Hill and Skegby Neighbourhood Forum

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Minutes of the Forum AGM on Wednesday, 9th October 2019, held at the Baptist Church, Albert Street, Stanton Hill

You can also download a copy of the minutes from our website (here)

0. Attendance.

Mike Vardy (Chairman), Geoff Snare (Secretary), Sharon Berry (Treasurer), Harriet Mackenzie-Williams, Woody Cooper, Jan Jenkins, Louise Rose, Helen-Ann Smith, Jane Cooper, Chris Goodall, Terry Whitehead, Lynn Henstock, Jerry Unwin, Lis Reid, Matt Reid,

Apologies: Andrew Jenkins, Richard Goad, Janice Ashley, Bill Purdue, Trish Philips

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting (<u>link</u>) were agreed as an accurate record. It was noted that the Hydrocarbons & Minerals working group had since changed its name to Climate Change Action group.

2. Finances.

Sharon Berry circulated a copy of the most recent financial report, which showed a balance of £1,119.57 (this includes £208.28 ring fenced for Friends of Stanton Hill). However Sharon advised that due to problems with online banking security, the report was not fully up to date. Sharon committed to providing an updated version as soon as the banking problems had been resolved.

3. Working Group Reports.

<u>Planning and Environment</u>. In the absence of Richard Goad, Mike Vardy presented the recent working group report (link).

It was noted that the planning appeal by the developers on the Beck Lane development had been approved. Cllr Helen-Ann Smith said that she would investigate if ADC are likely to take any further steps to fight the development, and report back to the Forum.

It was suggested that our efforts should now be focussed on ensuring the S106 money from the development is used to improve the local community facilities in Skegby and not allowed to be used elsewhere in Ashfield.

It was reported that the Gilcroft Street/Vere Avenue planning application had not yet been put to ADC's planning committee for review.

<u>Friends of Stanton Hill</u>. Louise Rose presented the report on the activities of the regeneration group (<u>link</u>).

Louise complimented Matt Reid on his work on getting various utility companies and shop owners to refurbish their equipment/shop fronts on the High Street. There was discussion regarding the Landlords Licensing system currently active in parts of Stanton Hill. Cllr Helen-Ann Smith committed to providing an update on ADC's corresponding enforcement activities in the area.

A request to ADC for a bench seat on the High Street has been approved. It was suggested that part of the recently landscaped area between Wharf Road and Fackley Road be set aside for wild-flower seeding / planting, with ongoing maintenance provided by FOSH. Mike Vardy and other are due to meet with Charles Edwards (of ADC) on Monday 14th October at Wharf Road on another matter – he will raise this suggestion with Charles.

Heritage. Lynn Henstock presented the working group report (link)

<u>Climate Change Action.</u> Jerry Unwin presented the working group report (<u>link</u>). The meeting agreed to pursue the option of getting residents in the area to switch to a 100% renewable energy supplier (Bulb is the preferred supplier), which will generate a financial benefit to each resident who will hopefully donate some of this to the Forum. The Secretary will investigate the best way to handle this, taking account of Data Protection requirements.

There was a discussion on possible projects to be funded by a Climate Action Fund Lottery grant. Mike Vardy is due to speak to the organisers of the fund in the next few weeks.

<u>HS2</u>. Lis Reid presented the working group report (<u>link</u>). The group continues to press for action from ADC to ensure a full and proper impact assessment is carried out by HS2 for the LA10 section of HS2 and has written to the ADC Chief Executive highlighting the Forum's concerns. Cllr Helen-Ann Smith provided the contact details for the council's portfolio holder that included HS2 – Lis will contact them directly.

Public Transport

Mike Vardy presented the working group report (link) and also gave an update on the very recent meeting with Trent Barton. The Spira bus service will not be reinstated, but the company was willing to consider alterations to existing bus routes. They were already looking at possible changes to the 141 route, possibly breaking it into two, or more, smaller routes, which would help improve the timetable performance of the route. It was also suggested it might be extended to cover Wild Hill and Tibshelf. A meeting with Trent Barton commercial director has been offered and Cllr Helen-Ann Smith agreed that she would attend that meeting. A petition started by the residents of Brand Court requesting improvements to public transport in the area has received 800 signatures -this would be put forward at the meeting with the Trent Barton commercial director.

4. Appointment of Officers

Mike Vardy has decided to step down as chairman
The following officers were proposed and agreed by the meeting:
Co-chairs – Jane Cooper, Andrew Jenkins, Jerry Unwin
Secretary – Geoff Snare

Treasurer - Sharon Berry

5. Management Committee members

Janice Ashley has decided to step down from the management committee. The following management committee members were proposed and agreed by the meeting, these are in addition to the Forum officers:

Louise Rose, Lis Reid, Chris Goodall, Richard Goad, Lynn Henstock, Mike Vardy

6. Amended Constitution.

Mike Vardy proposed some minor revisions to the constitution (<u>link</u>) to include a map of the Forum area – these had been requested by ADC. The meeting adopted this new constitution unanimously.

7. Any Other Business.

Cllr Helen-Ann Smith advised that automatic traffic surveys would be carried out by Notts CC over the next few weeks, including on Mansfield Road, Skegby near St Andrews Primary School - these had been requested by ADC in light of the significant difference in opinion between ADC and Notts CC regarding the traffic volumes in the area.

The meeting thanked Mike Vardy for all his great work in getting the Neighbourhood Plan developed and adopted and for setting up the Forum – all agreed that it would not have happened without his efforts over a long period of time.

A bottle of fine wine and a card were given to Mike in appreciation.

Mike thanked the meeting for the gift and the kind words.

8. Next Meeting.

The next Forum meeting will be on Wednesday January 22nd, at Beechwood Court, Skegby, NG17 3DG, from 7pm

Attendees were thanked for their input to the meeting which closed at 8:55 pm.