



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

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## **Minutes of the Forum Meeting on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

### **0. Attendance.**

Mike Vardy (Chairman), Geoff Snare (Secretary), Sharon Berry (Treasurer), Harriet Mackenzie-Williams, Woody Cooper, Andrew Jenkins, Jan Jenkins, Janice Ashley, Louise Rose, Helen-Ann Smith, Jane Cooper, Julie Harrison, Donna Guilor, Chris Goodall, Hayley Pedley-Clues, Bill Pursue, Terry Whitehead, Lynn Henstock, Richard Goad, Tony Brewer, Jerry Unwin, Barry Nicoll

Apologies: Sharon Berry, Lis Reid

### **1. Minutes.**

The minutes of the previous meeting ([link](#)) were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

### **2. Finances.**

In the absence of the treasurer, Mike Vardy outlined the current state of the finances ([link](#)), with a current balance of £1,149.57. Although £423.28 of this total is “profit” from the Stanton Hill Spring Fayre and is therefore earmarked for Friends of Stanton Hill.

The remaining balance would be reduced by the cost (approx. £170) for the Public Liability Insurance policy that was due shortly.

Councillor Smith offered to pay for the insurance from her County Council funds – the offer was accepted with thanks.

### **3. Working Group Reports.**

Planning and Environment. Richard Goad presented the working group report ([link](#)). Richard advised that going forward, each Working Group of the Forum would receive copies of local planning applications for consideration as to any possible impact on their respective area of interest.

Barry Nicoll reported on his contribution to and participation in the Beck Lane planning appeal.

It was agreed that should the planning appeal (by the developers) be accepted, that a working group consisting of Richard Goad, Barry Nicoll and Councillor Helen-Ann Smith would review the report of the inspector to determine if there were any grounds for a judicial review.

Councillor Smith advised that all planning application related to Gilcroft Street/Vere Avenue would be called in for review by ADC’s planning committee, but no application has been reviewed to date

Friends of Stanton Hill. Jane Cooper presented the report on the activities of the regeneration group ([link](#)).

The meeting congratulated the group on the success of the Spring Fayre and the great work they were doing to improve Stanton Hill.

Andrew Jenkins provided information on the events and courses that are being held in Skegby library during August, particularly for children

Full details are available at [www.inspireculture.org.uk/learning](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/learning) or by calling 01623 677200.

Andrew emphasised that the better attended the courses, the more likely other courses will be added, and that without these courses, the viability of Skegby Library (managed by INSPIRE) is at risk.

Jane advised that they were waiting on ADC to deliver on work to improve the southern end of the High Street.

Jane provided an update on the ongoing situation with Wharf Road/Meden Bank.

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

Hydrocarbon and Mineral Extraction. Andrew Jenkins presented the working group report ([link](#)) and reported on the positive results of both local and national anti-fracking campaigns.

Andrew advised that the group had agreed to change its name to **Climate Change Action** group and to broaden its remit to all matters related to Climate Change.

The group would be reviewing future planning applications for their sustainability, which has become increasingly important with the government's commitment to deliver net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Andrew also advised that he was investigating the Community Switch scheme, whereby a large number (50+) of households agree to switch to a new, greener, energy supplier en-masse, resulting in cheaper bills for the householders and a possible financial benefit to the Forum.

HS2. Janice Ashley presented the working group report ([link](#)). 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.

#### Public Transport

Bill Purdue presented the working group report ([link](#)) and also gave an update on the meeting with our local MP Gloria De Piero regarding the very poor level of public transport in the Forum area. She had advised that she would be happy to support the Forum in this matter but needed specific proposals. The Group will be meeting shortly to determine how to gather the necessary information, and will develop specific proposals.

#### 4. Amended Constitution.

Mike Vardy advised that the revised constitution ([link](#)) had been approved by ADC and would be put to the Forum AGM in September for formal adoption

Mike advised that the Forum's current 5 year designation expired in February 2020, the meeting agreed to seek re-designation. Mike Vardy would deal with this.

5. Climate Change

The formal adoption of the Climate Change policy ([link](#)) was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

6. Any Other Business.

Louise Rose requested approval to apply for a grant to improve the flower boxes opposite the Co-op in Skegby – meeting agreed to the request.

Lynn Henstock reminded groups that when making comments on planning applications, they should reference the relevant policies of the Neighbourhood Plan to add weight and impact to their comments.

Andre Jenkins, Jerry Unwin and Jane Cooper have agreed to be co-chairs of the Forum for 2019/20, after Mike Vardy steps down at the AGM in October.

The next FOSH meeting is on Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Baptist Church, Albert Street, from 7pm.

Jane Cooper is organising a litter pick in Stanton Hill for Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, details to be published shortly

7. Next Meeting.

The next Forum meeting will be on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Baptist Church Albert Street, Stanton Hill, from 7pm

Attendees were thanked for their input to the meeting which closed at 9.20 pm.