



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2013 IN THE CHURCH HALL, CHRIST CHURCH, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Mr P Rodman	Chairman
Mrs H Buszard	Secretary
Mr R Berriman	Treasurer

Mr R Beatham, Mr R Brammar, Dr D Buszard, Mr K Coxey, Cllr B Leck, Mr S Taylor and Mrs M White

APOLOGIES: Rev David Russell and Mrs M Wood

The Chairman reported that the new Vicar of Christ Church Woodford, Rev David Russell, had accepted an invitation to join the Committee, although he had been unable to attend the present meeting because of a prior engagement. Members offered him a warm welcome.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, HELD ON 21st JANUARY 2013

(The Minutes had been approved previously by email.)

Minute 2 Parking at the end of Church Lane

The Secretary had raised this issue with Cllr Bagnall, who had offered to bring it to the attention of traffic services.

Minute 3 Website sponsorship

The Secretary was pleased to report that Jackson Barrett and Gass had agreed to renew their support for another year.

The Chairman had spoken to Cllr Bagnall about the possibility of a grant from the Area Committee's Discretionary Fund, but there were political considerations that would preclude such an award.

It was suggested that a contribution might be provided by WU and this would be raised at its next meeting.

Minute 5 (d) Area Committee Meetings

Mr Coxey confirmed that he had attended the latest meeting on 11th April 2013 and gave a short report on the issues covered, noting that there was nothing of specific interest to Woodford.

Minute 6.1 SEMMMS

It was reported that the SEMMMS project team had developed a preferred scheme and that the second phase of consultation would begin in June. There would be a public exhibition in Woodford and an open Forum at the local Area Committee, although dates had not yet been finalised. It had also been suggested that a presentation could be made to WCC and it was agreed that it would be helpful to hold this after the public meeting. Further information would be circulated when available.

Minute 6.2 Woodford Litter Day

It was agreed that this would be arranged for Saturday, 28th September 2013, thereby allowing sufficient time for residents to be notified.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT WCC/WU MEETING, HELD ON 7 MARCH 2013

(The Minutes of this meeting had also been approved previously by email.)

Minute 2 Harrow Pre-planning Consultation

The Secretary had contacted Jennie Daly, as agreed, and been informed that Harrow was working through the required technical assessments and addressing issues raised by the SPD. The intention was still to undertake the public consultation, with both workshops and exhibitions, before the summer.

Minute 3 Neighbourhood Forum

Mr Taylor reported that the applications for the establishment of a Woodford Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area had been submitted to SMBC at the end of March and he, Mr Berriman and Mr Knight had subsequently attended a meeting with SMBC officers. A written response from SMBC had been received a few days earlier with formal comments from their Counsel. Two of these related to non compliance of particular clauses in the Constitution and one to the Statement demonstrating that the applicant was a 'relevant body'. All three could be accommodated very easily and a reply would be prepared as quickly as possible.

ACTION: Mr Taylor, Mr Berriman

SMBC had also sought legal advice on the likely implications of the recent *R (Daws Hill Neighbourhood Forum) v Wycombe District Council* case and would be responding on that shortly.

Minute 5 SMBC Allocations Plan

The Secretary had raised this, as requested, and had received a response from Mr Wood explaining that the timetable for adoption had slipped considerably for various reasons, including the work that had had to be undertaken on the SPD. His best estimate for adoption was now summer 2014 – a delay of about 12 months from the original schedule.

3 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Treasurer reported that the balance of the main WCC account stood at £655, with a further £250 anticipated from website sponsorship, and that the Woodford United account held £3,591.

4. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) Woodford United (WU)

It was suggested that a meeting should be held shortly to discuss preparatory work for the Neighbourhood Forum and ensure that an interim committee could be put into place without unnecessary delay.

(b) e-Newsletter /Website

An e-Newsletter would be prepared and the website updated once further information was available regarding the Neighbourhood Forum and/or SEMMMS.

(c) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre

Mr Taylor provided an update on activities and drew attention to the need for more volunteers to join the Management Committee as Trustees.

(d) Stockport Council Issues

Cllr Leck noted that one of the issues being discussed was an increase in car parking charges within the Borough.

(e) Neighbourhood Watch/Crime

There was nothing of particular note to report, other than the continuing need for volunteers to act as co-ordinators for Neighbourhood Watch groups.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 24 June 2013.

Approved *Date*.....