

Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum

Steering Committee Meeting

Monday 8th May 2017

47 Rosamund Road



Present: Christopher Hardman (Chairman), Graham Jones, John Bleach, Mary Brown, Cllr Paul Buckley.
Apologies: Cllr Angie Gough, Cllr Jean Fookes, Cllr Steve Goddard, Richard Lawrence-Wilson, David Stone.

Val Tate has resigned from the committee.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings** – 12 April 2017 Meeting Minutes accepted as correct.
2. **Matters Arising:** none.
3. **Community Rights Programme Grant:** money transfer arrangements via Wolvercote Commoners' Committee (receiving grant on WNF's behalf) almost complete.
4. **Report of meeting with Adam Symons on 25th April – dates for Internal Consultation:** this meeting was attended by CH, AG, MB, GJ & JB. Reference was made to Headington NF's inclusion of 'community' policies in their Neighbourhood Plan (about to be put to referendum). Community policies are seen by Headington as aspirational in comparison with planning policies which would actually carry weight in judgement of planning applications. See item 9 below.

Internal Consultation: at the meeting it was agreed that we should set up an 'internal' consultation as an initial test of the views of local residents towards the policies in the Plan. This meeting was dependent on the draft policies of the plan being complete. It was agreed that it should be held as possible soon as possible in June. Two public meetings were discussed – one in Wolvercote Village Hall and one in Cutteslowe Pavillion. However, since it had proved impossible to find dates when everyone on the committee would be available to suit the availability of both venues, another approach was suggested by CH. It was agreed that first we would undertake a mailing of residents already on our data base and then we would follow this up with a meeting in Cutteslowe Pavillion – the largest venue in that part of the ward.

Actions from 8th May meeting:

1. Collect scattered email addresses – from submitted questionnaires and attendance lists from public meetings etc. - **CH**
2. Update mailing list – **JB & MB**
3. CH agreed to check with Adam Symons about the readiness of our policies for this consultation – **CH**
4. Once satisfied that everything was ready, CH would book Cutteslowe Pavillion - **CH**
5. **Report on meeting with Savills:** the meeting was attended by CH, PB, JF, AG, GJ & MB. The general view was that the mood of the meeting was positive, but that we had reservations about the approach to mitigating likely transport problems caused by the development. Savills asked to see our draft emerging plan. JB agreed to forward to Savills our draft Built Environment and Green Spaces policies – **Action JB**

6. **Report on Wolvercote Commoners' Committee's AGM:** AG, MB & GJ were present. An announcement was made seeking interest to help in the work of WNF, but no one had come forward.
7. **Report on student presentations on 2nd May:** the students had put in a huge effort. They had surveyed ten streets, suggested by WNF, and had a very good response from residents to their questionnaire. (92 out of 143 were returned.) CH said that the exercise had been successful in that it had probably raised the awareness of residents to the importance of their gardens as a component of the Green Spaces policy area. It was agreed that a Community Policy could be worded to cover this.
8. **Report on CPRE/Community Land Trust meeting on 23rd March:** no report - WNF (JB) did not attend.
9. **Communications:** Engaging with young people, an initiative proposed by AG – currently in abeyance.

Actions:

1. GJ said that he would be posting up contact lists on local notice boards by Wednesday 10th May - **GJ**
2. Website information: JB to make sure that latest committee meetings were posted on the website – **JB**
3. JB to share file on Google Drive with everyone on the Steering Committee - **JB**
4. Flying Goose: the proposed leaflet would not now be included as dates for future public meetings/exhibitions had not been established (see item 4 above). However CH said that he was compiling our regular newsletter and would be able to meet the current deadline - **CH**

10. **Fun on the Green on 17th June:** as an alternative to having a stall on the Green, it was suggested that we display our policies in Wolvercote Village Hall while teas were being served. CH to seek approval from the Festival Committee – **Action CH**

11. **Internal consultation dates and arrangements:** see item 4 above.

12. **Meeting with Highways Dept:** questions (in no specific order) to be asked at the meeting:
 - modelling: is the data being used up-to-date?
 - link road: what is the current plan?
 - Northern Gateway: what measures are being taken to mitigate its effect on already existing local traffic problems?
 - Wolvercote & Cutteslowe roundabouts: what is the feedback on the effectiveness of this project?
 - cycle and pedestrian link to Oxford Parkway – what is the current plan?
 - cycle and pedestrian measures generally.
 - Wolvercote Paper Mill site: request update on effect of this development on A40/A44 junction.
 - A34/A40/A44: how are problems of noise and air pollution being dealt with?

CH would contact Jean Fooks to confirm date, convenient to WNF, for the meeting as 6th June. **Action CH**

13. **Outstanding policies:** GJ handed out a hard copy of the Business & Retail section, which he said was the outcome of three working party meetings. **Action ALL to comment.**

GJ agreed to send out an electronic copy of this section and the Heritage section on Wednesday 10th May. **Action GJ**

JB reminded the meeting that supporting notes would be required for each policy in the plan.
Action ALL leaders of working parties.

14. **AOB:** none.

15. **Date of next meeting:**

Mon 12th June 7:30pm, venue: CH at 141 Godstow Road.