



Teversal, Stanton Hill and Skegby Neighbourhood Forum

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**Minutes of the Forum meeting held on Wednesday, 15th September 2021,
held online via Zoom**

1. Attendance.

Andrew Jenkins (Chair), Geoff Snare (Secretary), Terry Whitehead (Treasurer), Jan Jenkins, Jane Cooper, Helen-Ann Smith, Lis Reid, Matt Reid, Richard Goad, Lynn Henstock, Ashley Marshall, Mike Vardy, Sallie Vardy, Sarah Woodside, Chris Goodall,

Apologies: Louise Causer

Andrew Jenkins started the meeting, welcoming everyone, especially a number of new faces, and asked each attendee to introduce themselves to the meeting.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

3. Finances.

There is a total of £804.64 in the Forum bank account, with no expenditure since November 2020. Public Liability insurance (premium of £172 in 2020) is due later in 2021.

4. Planning and Environment.

Lis Reid talked about the Forum's successes and experiences ([see details here](#)) since the Neighbourhood Plan had come into force, in particular related to Planning matters. Lynn Henstock added additional comments regarding the Forum's work on Heritage matters in the area.

A number of discussion items arose from this:

Gilcroft Street / Vere Avenue development – the developer has appealed the Council decision to reject the application, the appeal to be decided by the written appeal procedure.

S106 contributions – this is money that a developer is required to give to the council to pay for the necessary infrastructure to support their development; the Forum has campaigned for a number of years that this money needed to be spent as close to possible as the development itself and Cllr Helen-Ann Smith confirmed that this was now ADC policy; Richard Goad requested that the Forum have input into how the S106 contributions are spent in the Forum area.

Supported developments – Richard Goad wished to make it clear that the Forum is NOT opposed to all planning applications, and that the Forum has supported (or not objected to), many of the requested housing developments in the Forum area.

Mike Vardy added that the Neighbourhood Plan fully accepts that developments will happen, but requires that they must be sympathetic to the surroundings and are sustainable.

Development adjacent to Station Farm, Pleasley Road – Richard Goad advised that over 100 comments had been sent to ADC regarding this development, all objecting. It is hoped that ADC will reject the application, but it is likely to go to appeal, so further activity will be required to ensure our objections are presented at the appeal.

Development on Pear Tree Lane, Teversal – the Forum has objected to this proposal, but this application has not yet gone before the ADC planning committee.

Glamping site on Fackley Road – the Forum has not objected to this proposal, but has raised some concerns regarding the siting of the new access road.

New Local Plan – Cllr Helen-Ann Smith advised that the new ADC Local Plan is due to be finalised on Monday 20th September and will be published shortly after that date on the ADC website with accompanying documents; the public consultation period is likely to run from October 4th – November 16th; council Officers will be happy to meet with representatives from the Forum to and answer questions and take comments. Lis Reid highlighted the Forum’s serious concerns over the shortage of local health and education facilities; all the current facilities were already over-subscribed and each new residential housing development just added to the pressure and degraded the level and quality of services provided; Lis requested that in future any S106 contributions are used as part of an overall strategic plan, rather than the piecemeal approach taken in the past; Cllr Helen-Ann Smith stated that ADC were working closely with the local Clinical Commissioning Group regarding the provision of Primary Care (GP) services in the area.

Healdswood Recreation ground – concerns were raised by Sarah Woodside about the latest grass cutting regime which did not allow for any areas of wild flowers or wild life habitat.

5. Summary of other Working Groups

Friends of Stanton Hill

The garden by the CO-OP is looking very good; there had been no activity on the regeneration program due to Covid. Successful Yarn Bombing has been much appreciated. Remembrance has been commemorated with Street Poppies etc.in 2020. FOSH was able to purchase battery operated Christmas lights thanks to the generosity of The Vine Tree. They were effective in lifting the spirits of many people.

Preparations are going on for Remembrance 2021, but volunteers are needed. The FOSH Facebook group will continue to report village issues to the County and District authorities, including replacement of children’s play equipment since there are currently no outdoor play provisions for very young children in Stanton Hill.

Cllr Helen-Ann Smith advised that the council would be providing Christmas lights for

Stanton Hill for at least the next three years.

Heritage

Archaeological trial trenching was carried out on site at Beck Lane related to a planning permission application. A geophysical survey undertaken in 2020 identified extensive anomalies across the site. It included features interpreted as possible roundhouses, multiphase enclosures/boundaries, two possible round barrows and a square barrow, and potential pits. More recent agricultural activity was also detected in the form of field boundaries known from historic mapping, field drains and anomalies relating to ploughing. Trenching confirmed the presence of some archaeological features identified by the survey.

The evaluation recorded two probable Bronze Age ring ditches and a possible square barrow in the western part of the site. One of the ring ditches produced a sherd of Early Bronze Age pottery, and two cremation burials were found within the area enclosed by the ditch. Based on the results of the evaluation, two areas of archaeological mitigation have been identified and provisionally agreed with the Local Planning Authority, focused on the prehistoric remains recorded.

Climate Change Action

The group recently held online Zoom meetings; current activities include:

- supporting the G7 (Cornwall) to COP26 (Glasgow) march that passed through Huthwaite on its way to Tibshelf on 4th September;
- planning more tree planting in the Spring and are contacting the Council on this;
- cooperation with others: the church Justice and Peace Group and the Member Pioneer at Stanton Hill Coop, on sustainability;
- Interaction with Ashfield District Council and Notts County Council on Climate Change Action Planning;

HS2

Latest reports in the press suggest the HS2 eastern leg (2b) is likely to be cancelled, but no official confirmation at this stage.

Transport

We have had support from our local MP on a proposed cycle route from Fackley to Stanton Hill and are in touch with a group that is looking at providing transport to/from Kings Mill hospital for deprived areas of Mansfield; we have asked that they consider increasing the scope to include Ashfield, in particular Stanton Hill.

6. Any Other Business

The mosaic sign at the Pleasley Road / Silverhill Road junction is in a major state of disrepair, Richard Goad asked Cllr Helen-Ann Smith for ADC help in repairing the existing sign or building a new sign.

7. Next Meeting.

The next Forum meeting will be on Wednesday November 3rd from 7pm, via Zoom

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