



Teversal, Stanton Hill and Skegby Neighbourhood Forum

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**Minutes of the Forum meeting held on Wednesday, 20th April 2022,
held online via Zoom**

1. Attendance.

Andrew Jenkins (Chair), Geoff Snare (Secretary), Terry Whitehead (Treasurer), Jan Jenkins, Jane Cooper, Lis Reid, Richard Goad, Lynn Henstock, Mike Vardy, Julian Mclean, Doug Edwards

Apologies: Helen-Ann Smith

Andrew Jenkins started the meeting, welcoming everyone.

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 £798.66 in the Forum bank account, including £43.86 allocated for Friends of Stanton Hill. This amount is unchanged since the last Forum meeting in January, with no income or expenditure in the period.

4. Planning and Environment.

Richard Goad outlined the main planning applications that were active at the moment, advising that there had been little change since the last Forum meeting:

- a. Copywood Close, 147 houses by Persimmon – awaiting a full planning application
- b. Pleasley Road, adjacent to Station Farm – still awaiting a full planning application
- c. Pear Tree Lane – this has been approved; ADC have suggested the developer provide a sum of £1,000 per house, to Friends of Teversal for improvements in Teversal Village
- d. Wild Hill – the application for an additional 9 houses on the site has been refused by ADC
- e. A proposal to split Teversal Manor into three dwellings has been put forward by the current owner – awaiting a full planning application

As far as we are aware the Draft Local Plan is still on hold, as reported at the prior Forum meeting.

The mosaic sign at the top of Pleasley Road by the Carnarvon Arms has been damaged by water ingress and the mosaic design has fallen out. A replacement design, in wrought iron, is currently under construction.

5. Friends of Stanton Hill

Doug Edwards reported that he and his wife continue with work on the Co-op garden, with little or no support from anyone else. The garden now includes a bench seat, but regular litter picking is required to keep the garden looking nice. They have also been working on the Memorial Garden.

The tulips planted on Meden Bank are starting to bloom.

Jane Cooper reported that there no other FOSH activities, with the lack of volunteers a major issue.

6. Heritage

Lynn Henstock reported the following:

- a. We have had no further news on the two footpaths at Skegby which are being reviewed for adoption by Angus Trundle, the NCC RoW office.
Application 1186. Stoneyford Road to Skegby Hall Gardens.
Application 1187. Stoneyford Road to Sutton in Ashfield Footpath No. 49
- b. A retrospective planning application (V/2022/0099) has shown that stables and a shelter have been built across a footpath (FP25) at Spring Cottage/Whiteborough Farm. The footpath has been diverted and obstacles placed along its length for several hundred yards, far beyond the stables and shelter, rendering the footpath not fit for purpose or user-friendly.
Comments have been sent to ADC planning department and the NCC Rights of Way officer requesting that action should be taken to resite the stables and clear the obstructions from the footpath, or a suitable cleared diversion should take place to enable a usable throughway.
- c. Descriptions for each of the Locally Listed Assets have been requested from ADC, as they are not currently accessible on either their website or the interactive maps. ADC agreed that this information would be helpful and would include what they already have and have requested that their GIS team add this information to the maps asap. There has been no further action by ADC on this matter since the last TSS forum meeting in January

7. Climate Change

Andrew Jenkins reported the following:

- a. The group continues to work with Notts Friends of the Earth on persuading the County Council on divestment of their fossil fuel investments, all Ashfield county councillors had been contacted and are in support of the divestment
- b. The group continues to work with the Justice and Peace Network, as well as local churches, on persuading the church heirachy on divestment of their fossil fuel investments
- c. Bulb planting on The Wharf - the bulbs are just now starting to come into bloom.
- d. Unfortunately around half the tree planted on the play area at the bottom of Meden Bank have been lost, but the remaining trees are doing very well.
Further tree planting is expected, probably in Brierley Park – waiting to hear from Jason Metcalfe of ADC
- e. An initiative supported by the Coop and Inspire will be providing food that is close to, but not past, its sell by date for distribution on Wednesday and Saturday

morning from Skegby Library. Andrew is looking for volunteers to transport the food from the Coop to the Library, and then to take away for disposal anything left over; if successful the scheme could be rolled out county-wide

- f. The group continues to work on the sustainability initiative with Stanton Hill Co-op, focussed on soft plastic waste and food waste
- g. The half day cookery course run by Inspire held at Healdswood Community Centre, focussing on low cost, high nourishment, easy recipes for those struggling with their food bills and who lack the necessary skills to cook their own meals, had 6 attendees. Now looking to put on a similar course aimed at younger people, possible in conjunction with the Starbox gym.
- h. ADC have advised that the Council will publish a revised climate change strategy and action plan in July and will be looking for comments and feedback from all interested groups
- i. The proposal for a new cycle route connecting the Teversal Trails to Brierley Park, has been submitted to ADC, including a new pedestrian crossing point at the bottom of Meden Bank – this may be a stumbling block for highways
- j. Andrew is in communication with Severn Trent Water regarding the discharge of raw sewage into local rivers, as recently highlighted in the national press.
- k. Fracking has come back into possible contention as a possible energy source (at least politically), and our local MP is a supporter of fracking.
There is the potential to include commitments in the Local Plan that would effectively block any new fracking, as had been done in at least on other Council.

8. HS2

Lis Reid - nothing to report

9. Public Transport

Mike Vardy reported that there had been no current activity due to the pandemic but that he was planning to speak to Helen-Ann Smith very shortly regarding possible subsidies for improving/changing services.

There have been reports of local bus services being unreliable, such that users are stopping using the service because they cannot rely on it.

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Next Meeting.

The next Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday July 13th from 7pm, via Zoom

Attendees were thanked for their input to the meeting which closed at 8:25 pm.