



Teversal, Stanton Hill and Skegby Neighbourhood Forum

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**Minutes of the Forum meeting held on Wednesday, 26th October 2022,
held online via Zoom**

1. Attendance.

Andrew Jenkins (Chairman), Geoff Snare (Secretary), Mike Vardy, Sallie Vardy, Jane Cooper, Lis Reid, Lynn Henstock, Doug Edwards, Sarah Woodside

Apologies: Richard Goad, Chris Goodall, Terry Whitehead

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

3. Finances.

Since the previous report, there has been expenditure of £15.93 on hole punches and £168.99 on a fridge for the Food Bank at Skegby Library. There has also been a donation of £200 from the Vine Tree to cover the costs of the fridge.

Giving a total updated balance of £813.74, a small increase from the balance of £798.66 reported at the last meeting.

4. Planning and Environment.

Richard Goad was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted the following written report:

There has been very few substantive planning matters since the last meeting as all the major planning applications currently with the Council have yet to be dealt with.

Persimmon Homes' proposal for the housing estate near Copsywood Close has still to be dealt with. We have submitted an objection on behalf of the Forum and the local residents. The developers, however, seem very optimistic about obtaining planning permission as they have been, for instance, negotiating with the cricket club for the erection of netting to avoid high flying balls from hitting the houses. They have also been talking to the Council regarding a section 106 agreement, in relation to which, yet again, we have not been invited to input.

The development next to Station Farm, Pleasley Road, Teversal seems to have gone quiet. I have not been informed of any further application received as we were promised the opportunity to speak in opposition at the Planning Committee meeting.

Those housing developments that have been approved on Wild Hill are now being constructed as will have been seen.

Smaller one-off developments throughout the Forum catchment area have been objected to or supported as appropriate with no immediate major effect on the surrounding area. However, the gradual drip feed of further housing and, if approved, the major developments mentioned above will continue to have a growing catastrophic effect on the pressure points of medical provision, adequate schooling availability and highway adequacy, not to mention incursion into the countryside surrounding existing development. This is reflected in the situation nationwide, but in our area in particular we are starting from a low base, so the developments are all the more concerning. The national political situation, being very confusing and uncertain, is clearly not helping Councils from reaching appropriate planning decisions.

As previously mentioned, I would like to step back, for now, from the role of coordinating planning matters for the Forum and hope that another member will come forward to take over from me.

5. Friends of Stanton Hill

Doug Edwards reported that there is a desperate need for additional volunteers to help with the Coop garden – the current group of 4-6 are struggling to cope. All requests for additional support have not had any success.

Doug expressed his disappointment at the reaction, behaviour, attitude and level of apathy of many of the residents of Stanton Hill to the Coop garden.

Coop management has been requested to carry out more cleaning up activities in and around the Coop premises, in particular the car park.

It was reported that the Coop are having an increasing level of problems with theft.

It was also felt that there had been very limited level of support / assistance from ADC regarding litter and behaviour issues.

There has yet to be a replacement for our local ADC contact – Jason Metcalfe, Mike Vardy has been trying to get responses from Jason's boss while we wait for a replacement.

There has been a lot of discussion with Helen-Ann Smith on a variety of topics, but little positive action.

6. Heritage

Lynn Henstock reported no significant updates to report.

7. Climate Change

Andrew Jenkins reported the following:

- a. The food bank at Skegby Library supported by the Co-op and Inspire now has 8 volunteers, with 6-7 regular users and a few occasional users;
A fridge has been purchased with the help of the Vine Tree, currently awaiting go ahead from Coop management on stocking of the fridge;
Some local residents also providing items for the food bank, including tinned goods, fruit, etc.:
Anyone willing to volunteer should contact Mike Vardy
- b. The revised climate change strategy and action plan document has been published, Andrew has requested a meeting with ADC to discuss the plan
- c. Fracking ban has now been re-instated
- d. There will be a session on Climate Justice in conjunction with Christian Aid in the Manor Room on November 9th.

8. **HS2**

Lis Reid - nothing to report; this topic will be removed from future agendas

9. **Public Transport**

Mike Vardy reported that Helen-Ann Smith advised him she was in discussion with the responsible person at County Council regarding the 141 bus route and she asked Mike to “hold-off” on any activity whilst these discussions were on-going – but no feedback has been received so far.

10. **Any Other Business**

Lis Reid highlighted the fact that many of our local issues are actually also national issues, with the likelihood of further austerity measures in the pipeline from the new Prime Minister; local services are crumbling, yet further housing developments are already in the pipeline

How can the Forum be a campaigning voice for change?

It was agreed that we needed to put together an analysis of the problems that are being experienced with local services – Health, Education, Transport, etc.

Information and data from the Draft Local Plan, the draft Stanton Hill regeneration plan and the Climate Change Strategic Plan should all feed into the analysis

Lis Reid will coordinate, with input from all members of the Forum management committee. Lis is hoping to initiate the project by the end of November.

The provisional name for this project is the Liveability* Campaign and will consist of three phases:

WHAT – analysis of the problems

HOW – possible solutions to the problems

WHO – the target audiences and how to communicate to them

* the degree to which a place is suitable or good for living in

11. **Next Meeting.**

The next Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday January 11th, 202 from 7pm, via Zoom

Attendees were thanked for their input to the meeting which closed at 8:50 pm.