

Teversal, Stanton Hill & Skegby Neighbourhood Forum

Forum Annual General Meeting minutes for 28th September, 2016

Held at the Manor Room, Buttery Lane, Teversal Village, NG17 3JN

Chair: Mike Vardy; Minutes: Geoff Snare

Present:

Mike Vardy, Richard Goad, Geoff Snare, Lis Reid, Sallie Vardy, Pam Eaton, J R Brewster, Trish Phillips, Olive Parkes, Kevin Ball, Dawn Oxley, Pete Chambers, Angela Whawell, Beryl Perrin, Jean Green, Peter Green, Annette Holmes

Apologies:

Barry Nicholl

1. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct.

Following the previous meeting the draft plan was circulated to everyone on the Forum mailing list asking for comments & feedback – none were received.

A summary of the draft plan was also circulated, there were no comments or feedback on this document.

2. Finances

The account balance currently stands at £6,236.87. However the majority of this is already earmarked for activities that we are committed to for the completion of the Plan process.

Any funds not spent will need to be returned to Locality, from whom the grant money was originally obtained.

3. Current Plan position and next steps

The Chair advised that the Draft Plan was currently out for public consultation, with responses due back by October 28th.

A mail shot had been sent to every household in the area, with copies of the plan and questionnaire/response forms available at many local businesses, including both Co-op stores. The Draft Plan is also available to view on the Forum website, where there is an online questionnaire available as well.

The Chair then summarised the next steps for the Draft Plan:

once the consultation period has completed, the responses will be reviewed and any appropriate changes made to the Plan;

the Plan will then be formally submitted to Ashfield District Council and from then on the Plan is out of our hands;

Ashfield District Council will check that the Plan has been properly prepared in accordance with the legal requirements and the Council will then publicise the Plan and will take it through the following steps:

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Independent Scrutiny - a final version of the Plan is published and the Plan goes to scrutiny by an independent expert who can require changes or further refinement

Referendum - once the Plan has passed independent scrutiny Ashfield District Council organise a referendum of all those on the electoral register for the area, more than 50% of those who vote must vote "Yes" to the Plan

The Plan is made - if a majority of people vote in favour of the Plan, from then on decisions on whether or not to grant planning permission in the Neighbourhood Area will have to be made in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan

4. Election of Officers

As had been previously advised, Mike Vardy would be standing down as Chair. In addition the Forum was currently operating without a designated Secretary or Treasurer.

It was agreed that those individuals who were prepared to participate in a Management Committee of the Forum, would meet and Officers for the coming year would be elected from those participants.

The following agreed to participate in a Management Committee:

Mike Vardy, Trish Phillips, Kevin Ball, Pete Chambers, Richard Goad, Lis Reid, Geoff Snare, Olive Parkes

In addition it was expected that others not at the meeting would also be willing to join the Management Committee.

5. Future of Forum

The Chair outlined his views on a number of areas where the Forum could have a role in the future, namely:

- The Forum can apply to ADC to become a statutory consultee on future planning and development issues on the same basis as a parish council so that residents can have a say in what happens around them.
- The Neighbourhood Plan requires developers to consult with the Forum before submitting applications for major developments. This offers us the opportunity to influence where new housing will go and what the development will look like. It will also offer the opportunity to negotiate "planning gain" so that developers contribute towards new infrastructure such as school buildings and surgeries.
- Traffic, roads and public transport were issues raised time and again by residents. The Forum can work with Notts. C.C. Highways and bus companies to look at ways to improve the safety of road users and pedestrians and improve bus services.
- The Regeneration of Stanton Hill is important to us all wherever we live in the area. Large amounts of money are currently available for places such as Stanton Hill and could be accessed by a dedicated team working with the Council's Regeneration Team.
- There are plans to close Sutton Police Station. Surely none of us want this to happen? The Forum could take this up with the Police on behalf of residents and businesses.

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All those present agreed that the Forum should continue and the future role(s) would be discussed at the forthcoming Management Committee meeting.

6. Any Other Business

It was agreed that the review of responses and the decision on possible changes to the Draft Plan should be carried out by the Chair on conjunction with the consultant, Helen Metcalfe. Richard Goad also volunteered to assist.

The subject of the Beck Lane development, for which outline planning permission had recently been submitted, was discussed. The Chair agreed to contact ADC to request that the Forum is consulted on the planning application.

The date of the next Management Committee meeting was set for October 26th, 7.00pm at Beechwood Court.

7. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be determined by the new Management Committee.

8. The meeting closed at 8:20pm