

Minutes of High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum Meeting

Date : 18th December **Time :** 7.30pm **Venue:** Windlehurst Meeting room

Present: Richard Jones, Jeni Regan, Louise Kirkup (consultant) Sheila Harrop, Helen Stocks, Carol Taylor Bruce, Annette Hargreaves, Neil Ball, Angela Sequeira, Tricia Freeman, Anne Walker, Ann Young, Trish Conroy, Claire Porterfield

Apologies: Janet Burks, Kevin Monaghan

1) Matters Arising:

Feedback on the Summary of the Issues and Options responses. A small amount of feedback was received. Two from Partner groups of the forum were positive. Three were requesting clarification about the possible sites for housing suggested by members of the public in response to question 8 of the Issues and Options document.

2) U3A Information Meeting

Sheila has arranged for the Neighbourhood Forum to do a presentation to the U3A in the second half of their meeting on 9th January in the village hall starting at 2.0pm. She suggested bringing the information boards which were used at the Open Day. The setting up to be done about 1.30.

Action: Richard offered to attend this meeting plus anyone else who is available. He will bring a projector. Committee members are asked to let Sheila/Richard know if they can attend and which information boards they can bring or pass to him to bring.

3) Neighbourhood Plan

- Louise took the committee through the current version 2 of the plan responding to suggestions and questions raised by the steering group . What follows is a summary of salient points from a lengthy discussion. It was agreed to defer discussion on the sections relating to cycling until the forum has heard back from Paul Bruffell of Sustrans. He has kindly agreed to do the requested work without charging the forum since it

overlaps with other work he has been asked to do. The forum are very grateful for this.

(i)The Vision

- Trish F produced an amended version of the vision which was accepted.

Action: Jeni to rewrite this in Word and send it to Louise

- It was agreed that the second map showing the neighbourhood area was the better one to use.

(ii) Transport

- Louise asked for mitigation measures from the Full A6 Corridor Report to be sent to her

Action: Claire to send to Louise

Action: Angie to send information from an earlier report describing the A6 as “not fit for purpose” to Jeni.

- A Freedom of Information request is to be made to SMBC requesting current air quality readings in High Lane

Action: Richard to contact SMBC for this.

- It was suggested that the forum can pay for up to date air quality monitoring in High Lane since there is none planned by the council in the immediate future. It is both a health issue/human rights issue to have this information. The Green Party or Friends of the Earth may be able to offer guidance.

Action: Trish Freeman to investigate this .

- A question was raised about whether SMBC stipulates a certain number of electric vehicle charging points within a development

Action: Jeni to ask SMBC for this information.

- Most committee members were against any reference to a new rail station for High Lane as a traffic mitigation measure, preferring to concentrate on improvements to the existing Middlewood Station, so the references to a potential new station were removed.
- Louise suggested a survey of people who use Middlewood Station should be carried out to establish a 'wish list' of improvements they would like to see at the station. This would provide evidence for the improvements policy at the station.

Action: Claire to carry out the survey

- Louise stated a map is needed to show that Middlewood is some distance from the village and is only accessed by a track at the moment.

Action: Jeni to see if LPA can provide this.

(iii) Housing

- New photographs are needed for the first page of the housing section. Permission is not needed to take pictures of property in the area.

Action: Annette to check on obtaining an aerial view of the village for inclusion in the plan.

- It was agreed the data on existing house types in High Lane (page 29) would look more interesting as a graph

Action: Trish F offered to have a go to convert the figures to a graph.

- It was agreed to omit Map 5 page 31, Average Age of HL residents, as not being necessary.
- Questions relating to paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 on page 33 were raised.

Action: Neil to send the Survey Monkey report on which some of the figures in the above paragraphs are based to Richard.

- It was agreed it would be a good idea to have a list of aspirations for the village included at the end. These would include points that could not form part of the plan proper. An example would be the forum's support for a local connection for allocating affordable housing . Louise

suggested discussing this with our contact with Stockport Planning contact.

- GMSF are expected to publish their revised report on 3/1/19 and Cllr Kenny Blair has organised a public meeting on 19TH January in High Lane village hall at 2.0 pm to get feedback from local people on the report.

Action: The HLVNF will respond to the revised version GMSF

- Louise suggested speaking to Stockport Homes to see if they are looking for sites for small scale development. Any information they give can be put into the evidence base of the Plan.
- The Issues and Options survey showed there was no support for major development; development of up to 20 houses received most support and there was a preference for affordable homes.

Action: Jeni is to send Louise the Design Codes which Louise will sign. Grant money relating to this must be spent by March.

Action: A map is needed on page 47 Map 7. LPA to be asked for this.

(iv) Green Spaces

- In order to get a more detailed picture of local wildlife, Louise suggested the forum could commission an Ecological Survey. The GM Ecology Unit would carry out a detailed habitat survey. The cost would be £600-£800. Alternatively the Wildlife Trust could be approached.

Action: Jeni to speak to the GM Ecology Unit

Action: Richard to speak to the Wildlife Trust

- The Green Spaces group would like to have a policy to protect favourite views from being wiped out by development. Photographs of favourite views in High Lane are needed. Louise said a maximum of 6 should be included. The views must be taken from public paths/ rights of way.

Action: Annette to publicise this on High Lane Facebook and invite local people to submit pictures.

The Green Spaces group pointed out that recent successful events involving the local parks such as the Fun Day and the Santa Run are evidence of the

community spirit in High Lane, one of the key features which the forum wishes to enhance and develop.

Heritage

The heritage booklets have all sold out. They have been very successful and again show the interest local people have in their own area.

- A discussion followed on the reasons for not including Appendix 4 (which includes suggestions for sites for housing) in the Plan. This was voted on by members.
- Many of the sites are in existing green belt and so cannot currently be considered for this reason. Richard pointed out that if any sites come out of greenbelt the neighbourhood plan will have to be reviewed at that point.
- It was suggested that with the imminent publication of revised GMSF and the Stockport Local Plan in the process of preparation the forum should wait a few months before proceeding in order to take into account the views in these documents. Richard stated that the faster the neighbourhood plan is out, the greater weight it will carry. Louise pointed out that the revised GMSF will have a series of further consultations and it could be 2020 before a final version of it is agreed.
- The current time scale is Version 3 to be out after Christmas and Regulation 14 consultation to be done at the end of March.

Action: Committee members are asked to send the requested information to Jeni in the first instance. She will forward it to Louise. Louise needs to have the information by 15th January or by 22nd January at the latest.

Louise will aim to circulate version 3 by 25th January giving people time to read it before the next meeting.

Any Other Business

Carol stated that Wybersley Hall/ Barn which is Grade 2 listed is on the market. The hall is in a very dilapidated state and needs support. The council are

responsible for looking after it. She urged people to write to the council on this matter and to spread the news via Facebook.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Next Meeting of the forum

Date: 29th January Time : 7.30pm Venue: Windlehurst Meeting Room

**Also , public meeting re. revised GMSF : 19th January High Lane Village Hall
2.0 pm**