



Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date & Time: 26th April 2017 at 7:30pm

Location: 818 Rooley Moor Road, Catley Lane Head, Rochdale. OL12 6BN

Present: Win McGhee, Councillor Cecile Biant, Roy Thorniley, Morley Morgan, David Ireland, Peter Howard, Alan Rawsterne, Fran Healey, Jen Holt, Helen Moore and Andy Meek.

Apologies: Irene Pope, Denise Madgin, Elaine Marsden, Gwyn Fitton, Geoff Ogden, Nick Green, Margaret Green, Maxine Jager, Liz Rutherford, Bill Taylor, Ruth Shedwick, John and Janette Newcombe.

The meeting commenced at 19:30

Alan Rawsterne (AR) dealt with introductions & apologies and advised the group that an invitation to our meeting had been sent to representatives of Hunger Hill Farm who, unfortunately, we not able to attend. We agreed to extend this invitation to future meetings.

David Olusoga - AR informed the group that David had accepted our invitation to be the forum's honorary president. Everyone agreed having David involved in our forum was really positive and a fantastic opportunity.

• Minutes from the last meeting

- **Catley Lane Head Spring Clean** – Everyone express their gratitude to Nick & Margaret Green for organising a fantastic day. AR passed on thanks to everyone from Nick and Margaret and noted thanks to all involved, including the help and support of Rochdale Council and those who loaned equipment.
- **Funding** – AR advised our forum has been awarded a grant of £7K to be used for pursuing our neighbourhood plan. The bulk of the monies are to provide technical planning help. Fran is looking at other sources for funding.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – Now funds are available our NP Group will be working towards publishing a detailed questionnaire for members of our community to complete. The basic idea is to analyse results and formulate policies that can be displayed / discussed at our August event. After the event we would look to publish our neighbourhood plan for Rochdale Council to consider.
- **Christmas Festivities** – We agreed to discuss this later in the year.

○ **August Event – Action Update**

What	Who	When
Photo Exhibition – Ruth Howard is not able to help		
Outdoor Activities Exhibition (Bridleways, Ramblers and Anglers)	HM & RT	
Pop up exhibition – Local History and Neighbourhood Plan display – waiting for feedback from Michael Brook at Rochdale Council regarding – Other opportunities for use – The Feel Good Festival, Literary Festival, etc – limited funding obtained, however, need capital funds for display boards	LR & AR	
Kite Flying – ideas being investigated	AM	
Invite the Mayor & Mayoress	AR	Done
Birds of Prey – not yet contacted	AR	
Cotton Spinning – not yet contacted	AR	
Music and clog dancers – TBA (Sid Calderdale is not available)	LR	
Skylight Circus – not yet contacted	GF	
Tombola – TBA	MH	
Touchstone Creative writing – confirmed	LR	Done
Lia's Cakes – Confirmed	LR	Done
Face painting by Tanya - confirmed	LR	Done
Whitworth Museum Satll – Confirmed	LR	Done
Street food, hog roast, beer, etc – Ruth Shedwick to advise	RS & AR	
First Aid Cover – Ruth Shedwick to Advise	RS & AR	
Toilets – Ruth Shedwick to Advise	RS & AR	
Stage – Fran Healey advised there was nothing practical that could improve on last years equipment – agreed to ask clog dancers what they would recommend	FH	Closed
Contact Co Op Shop – Confirmed they will attend	WM	Done
Resurrect last years equipment list	AR	Done
Invite Police Cadets – Unfortunately they are not available – Agreed to invite other organisations	AR	Closed
Publicity and leaflet design (include bringing a chair)	TBA	
Schools Art Competition – Currently with Margaret Green & Liz Rutherford	LR & MG	
Forum Logo – Thanks to Ruth Shedwick for her excellent design	RS	Done



- **David Olusoga** - AR informed the group that changes are required to our constitution to include the position of honorary president. Rather than call an extraordinary AGM - AR proposed that we use Survey Monkey to allow voting members of our forum to vote on the required change. The outcome of the vote could then be confirmed at our normal AGM that will be towards the end of the year – Everyone present agreed to this approach.
- **Village Sign** - Everyone present approved the design. HM thought the sign might look nice on the corner of Fern Hill Lane and agreed to talk with Graham Brierley to seek his views – Subject to the outcome of that conversation AR will present two options for placing the sign to the council Highways Department.
- **Funding Update** – Fran Healey advised a number of applications have been made to raise funds for the forum. Applications include the Ford Britain Trust for £250 towards promoting our event, A F Blakemore 1917 Heritage Fund for £1,917 towards signage and interpretation boards to display information about history, wildlife and recreation in our area, Asda - no value requested – but would ask for help with display boards. Other organisations are yet to be approached, the most exciting of which is an opportunity through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to get support creating a digital interface through visitor interpretation displays allowing the visitor to scan a 'QR' barcode that would take the user to a website and more information about our area. FH advised the HLF application is will take time to do correctly and is something Rochdale Council might want to be involved with.
- **Shawfield Turbine** – AR advised that the planning department agreed this turbine is not in its consented location. The owner has two options
 1. Move the turbine to it's consented location – this would have to be done before the consented planning application expires in September. The turbine has not operated since the start of November 2016 and once it is in the correct location the it would have to generate electricity by November this year to avoid the application of a planning condition stating that it must be taken down if it has not generated electricity for 12 months.
 2. Apply for planning permission in its 'as built' location
- **AOB**
 - AR will send out an invitation to complete uncovering the paved area on the corner of Fern Hill Lane. HM has got permission for us to place a bench in this area.
 - Metal detecting rally – CB advised that the ex mayor, Carol Wardal, is going to approach the Lord of the Manor to try and organise an event around the Cotton Famine Road. CB advised the organisers are a very responsible organisation and more details will be provided when they become available.
 - The Whitworth Skyline Walk will be passing through our area on Sunday 14th May 2017 – AR is supporting the event and will marshal a checkpoint at the top of Rooley Moor.
 - Quiet Lanes Status – HM asked what was happening – AR advised the councils Highways Department suggested traffic calming measures would be more effective. AR will put this on the agenda for the next meeting with the council.
 - Andy Meek (AM) gave an overview of the work that had been carried out by the council in Prickshaw. AM advised a number of issues were still

outstanding but noted thanks for the work to manage the water leaking from the fields abutting the cobbled road adjacent to the fishing lodge, improve bridleways and the installation of a new cattle grid near Knacks Farm.

- Morley Morgan (MM) asked if there was any news about the decision the Secretary of State has to make concerning Scout moor Wind Farm Expansion – Roy Throniley (RT) advised the decision was due on or before 3rd July 2017 and hopefully the election would not delay this.
- Councillor Cecile Biant advised that Sat Navs are directing traffic through Prickshaw – AR took an action to see if anything can be done to update Sat Nav routes.
- Catley Lane Head conservation assessment - No news AR to chase

We agreed the following actions:

What	Who	When
Invite representative from Hunger Hill Farm to future meetings	AR	
Contact Michael Brook at Rochdale Council to arrange meeting to discuss signage, traffic calming, promoting our area and designing a digital interface for visitors to obtain more information by scanning a QR barcode on visitor interpretation displays.	CB	
Obtain capital funding for display boards	AR	
Ask clog dancers what they would recommend for a temporary stage on grass	AR	
Invite Scouts or similar group to meet and greet, hand out leaflets and help with litter pick	CB	
HM to seek the lander owners permission to place the village sign on the corner of Fern Hill Lane	HM	
AR to present two options for placing the Catley Lane Head village sign to the council Highways Department (subject to the action above)	AR	
Use Survey Monkey to allow voting members of our forum to vote on the required change to our constitution to include the position of honorary president.	AR	ASAP
Send out an invitation to complete uncovering the paved area on the corner of Fern Hill lane	AR	
Pursue actions outstanding for Prickshaw	AM	
Sat Navs are directing traffic through Prickshaw – Can be done to update Sat Nav routes?	AR	

The meeting ended at 20:40