

# Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum (RMNF)

Minutes of meeting with Andrew Crossley

**Date & Time:** 16:00 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Location:** Crossleys Estate Agents, 104 Yorkshire St, Rochdale OL16 1JY

**Present:** Andrew Crossley, Fran Healey, Andrew Meek, John Newcombe, PC Jones and Alan Rawsterne

**The meeting commenced at 16:00** and we discussed the following:

## **Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project**

Alan & Fran explained the background to the HLF project and that permission was required from landowners to place signage at strategic points in the area to inform people about the areas heritage, history and amenity. Andrew was very supportive and advised he was able to give permission on behalf of the Lord of the Manor (LotM). Andrew requested that any signage includes advice and contact numbers to report illegal and damaging use of the moors. Fran requested permission to mention the LotM in our press release and advised she would share a copy of the press release with Andrew. We also discussed trying to find who designed the 360-degree sign that was stolen from Knowl Hill.

## **Off Road Watch**

Andrew affirmed the LotM's commitment to protecting the moors. We agreed managing illegal use of the moor by bikers is extremely difficult. Off road 4x4 vehicles and fly tipping is a growing problem causing increasing cost to the LotM and the Council. PC Jones advised Police resource is limited and he is working with RMNF to compile data to demonstrate the size of the issue and any potential trends. We discussed the Pros & Cons of CCTV & ANPR, the re-introduction of barriers & gates that have been vandalised, signage and the LotM providing financial support, similar to that provided by United Utilities, to fund Police off road initiatives. PC Jones advised John Molyneux is the contact for CCTV at RMBC. Alan advised RMNF has limited resource that could be used to purchase signage that promoted safe use of the area. Andrew advised there would be no issue with permission from the LotM to install CCTV, signage, etc. Andrew noted that technically no one has authorisation to take motorised transport onto the moor, although there is acceptance of a requirement for Commoners with grazing rights to do so. Andrew, as agent for the LotM, can give permission for vehicles to access the moor, he is also able to give permission to prosecution of offenders. Andrew and PC Jones exchanged contact information and Andrew said he might be able to provide drone footage of vehicles and their number plates using the moor without permission.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

We discussed the Rooley Moor Forum neighbourhood plan. RMNF welcome the involvement of Andrew and the LotM and will share policies for comment as soon as they are available.

## **AOB**

- Catley Lane Head conservation appraisal was discussed. RMNF members both support and object to the proposal, however, there was general appreciation that controls were not expected to be as strict as those for Prickshaw and it is appropriate to maintain the look and feel of the area.
- Andrew advised activity to and from Ding Quarry was being monitored.
- Next meeting – Suggest toward the end of January 2018

## Actions

We agreed the following:

What	Who	When
HLF project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Signage to include advice and contact numbers to report illegal and damaging use of the moors</li><li>• Mention the LotM in RMNF press release</li><li>• Share RMNF press release with Andrew</li><li>• Who designed the 360 degree Knowl Hill sign</li></ul>	FH FH FH All	Ongoing By 01/12/17 By 01/12/17 ASAP
Off Road Watch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investigate CCTV &amp; ANPR (John Molyneux at RMBC)</li><li>• Review re-instatement of barriers</li><li>• Signage</li><li>• LotM financial support for Police off road initiatives</li></ul>	AC / AR AC AR AC	By 19/01/18 ASAP By 19/01/18 ASAP
Neighbourhood Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share RMNF neighbourhood plan policies</li></ul>	AR	As soon as they are available – Target date end of December 2017
Next meeting January 2018	AR	TBA

Website links to suppliers of heavy duty gate barriers:

<https://www.externalworksindex.co.uk/entry/38297/Frontier-Pitts/PAS-68-Terra-Swing-Gate-Terra-Road-Closer-75t-50mph/>

<https://centrewire.com/products/hd-horse-friendly-vehicle-barrier/>

<https://iae.co.uk/product-fencing/barrier-gates/>

<http://www.barricade-ltd.com/Products/barriers/swing-gates.html>

<http://morrisonequipment.com/heavy-duty-barrier-gates.htm>