

Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum Steering Group

Thursday 26th June 2014, Miners' Welfare Hall

Minutes

Present: Sue McQuire, Robin Best, David Pitchfork, Jane-Ann Parsons, Alan Tynan, Liz Crossland, John Blake, Tom Ridley (LCC, Chair), Bernard Simpson, Jacqueline Simpson

1.Apologies: Emma Grunwell, Mark Dobson. Karen Harrison & Alan Tomlinson have decided not to join the set-up steering Group at this stage but wish to take part after designation.

1a.Declarations of Interest: DP declared that Green Lane Primary Academy had now received a valuation assessment for their land and will be requesting site allocation for development. JB had received concerns from locals about the proposed building there. BS asked if permission would be likely to be granted while we were in the process of designating the Group. TR thought it likely as we were some way off producing a Neighbourhood Plan but that once designated all future applications would be channelled through the Group.

2.Minutes of Previous Meeting: These were accepted as accurate and passed as a true record.

3.Matters Arising: The land behind Stocks' mentioned in AOB will be resubmitted for planning. It is Brown Field and would be favourably viewed by the Council if the dust problem can be resolved. The family will carry matters forward.

4.Designation: TR gave advice as to how to firm up the submission regarding the Boundary. It was pointed out that there is somewhat of an anomaly regarding the boundary with Aberford and District Parish Council since the M1 was constructed. There is also uncertainty as to the eastern boundary. This appears to be the M1 but DP suggested the existence of a Parish Council Action Group which claimed that the Austhorpe boundary was somewhere in the fields between the M1 and

the A642. Enquiries to be made. JA to address the boundary description in the application.

TR also thought that more should be made of the age range and post code distribution that had been covered so far in attempts to reach as many of Garforth residents and businesses as possible. JB to address this.

TR explained that we needed to include a proper long term 'vision' of what might be Garforth's future. JS to produce a draft for Group consideration.

JB had been conducting some research and had discovered that Neighbourhood Forums only last 5yrs. TR explained that they could be re submitted. At this point the benefits of being a Parish Council seemed superior to a Neighbourhood Planning Group but TR said that the Neighbourhood Plan element would still have to be reviewed and updated every 5 years. Concern was expressed that a Neighbourhood Planning Forum would have to go through the whole designation process every 5 yrs.

It was mooted that the history of Garforth governance be explored with a view to a determination of the most beneficial way forward post designation.

AT has had extensive discussions with Locality and Shaun Hanson, a planning group consultant, who had sent a possible 3 day programme for consideration. There was extensive discussion around when in the timetable such advice would be best. It was concluded that, given where we were currently, some advice as to how put over our position at the AGM in September would be pertinent providing we could be taken in good faith as we may not have received the funding for the fee at that point, then consultation would be invaluable for developing a feasible Neighbourhood Plan. We might even consult different people with different skills. There are very few of these but they might be available. A second consultant quote was suggested.

JS had noted that the application form indicated that the Constitution referred to the setting up of sub groups. The Group felt that the naming of such sub-groups was the domain of the post designation steering group but that reference to the setting up of subgroups would be included in the Constitution.

AT confirmed that the publicity bid had gone in and that we were still awaiting acceptance and delivery of that. He indicated that he was in the process of completing a consultancy bid (max £500.00 a day) and that he would also put in a bid for publicity for the AGM. Current funding will cease on 31/12/14 and all received funding must be spent by then. It is hoped that future funding will be set up in 2015.

5.AOB: RB mentioned traffic counting cables that had recently appeared on Wakefield Road. TR explained that these were placed in certain locations twice annually and would gather hourly data on numbers of vehicles and speeds travelled. Accident data could also be attached. TR to access those for us.

6.Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting: 10th July 2014, 7pm, Miners' Welfare Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm