**Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum**

**Minutes of the Steering group Meeting 17th November 2021**

**Present** : R. Clarkson, C. Coyle, L. Crosland, C. Exley, B. Flynn, S. McQuire, M. Norman, W. Treloar, R. Utley, Tanessha Ahmed and Penny Rowe ( representing Leeds 2023 )

**Apologies:** J. Andrews, C. Lomas, P. Roberts, M. Tonks, S. Williams

**Presentation of 2023** : Taneesha gave a presentation to explain the focus of Leeds 2023 ‘ My World, Mt City, My Neighbourhood. ’and the invitation for the GNPF to contribute. Penny is an artist based in Garforth and her role is to liaise with Garforth groups and offer advice and assistance with their contributions.

**Declaration of interest**: No new.

**Minutes of the last meeting** : Accepted

**Matters arising** : The event at St Benedict’s church focussing on groups with advice on combatting climate change. GNPF promoted the policies in the plan which would relate help to mitigate climate change. Unfortunately due to heavy and persistent rainfall footfall was low but it was an opportunity to explain some of the plan policies.

**Regulation 14 update**: B. Flynn asked for the Steering group approval for all the responses made to the consultation comments to date. All present agreed and M. Tonks also agreed in his apology. All steering group members have been sent copies of the Writing group responses at each stage and have been invited to comment. The final section to complete relates to the housing section policies. Approximately 50 pages remain to be discussed but it is hoped that they will be completed prior to Christmas.

**Treasurer’s update** : R. Utley reported that there were no changes.

**Membership update**: C. Coyle reported that there are 2 new members who joined at the St Benedict’s event.

**Facebook page update** : W. Treloar reported that the GNPF Facebook page had advertised the GNPF attendance at the St Benedict’s event. No other comments have been made on social media re GNPF.

**Leeds 2023** : It was decided that this was a good opportunity to promote the GNPF. Action R.Clarkson to remain in contact with Penny Rowe and L. Crosland and W. Treloar volunteered to assist. All Steering group members are invited to submit possible suggestions. Action ALL.

**Development plan Panel**: Met 2nd November. An interim report was presented on the consultation responses to date with a final report next month. Please see

<https://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/g11467/Printed%20minutes%2002nd-Nov-2021%2013.30%20Development%20Plan%20Panel.pdf?T=1>

**Outer East Community Committee**: Next meeting 7th December agenda not yet available.

**North and East plans panel** : Next meeting 7th December no agenda as yet. The Collingham application has not yet been decided. This has potential considerations for Neighbourhood Plans.

19/02248 the Cricket field on Church Lane remains to be decided.

21/04667 Application to build 21 houses has been refused on the grounds that it is a LCC designated green space in the SAP.

15/02494 Wetherspoons application to extend opening hours and delivery times has gone to appeal. No date has been set for this hearing.

The G5 communications mast on Station Fields by the station has been refused on the grounds that it too near residential properties.

**AOB:**

1. A letter had been received from Mr Crowhurst querying the closure of a footpath, A reply has been sent and C. Coyle will record this within the website.
2. C. Coyle had received a communication from a Garforth resident/ Greening Garforth concerned about the status of Stubb Wood which has a TPO but which had been much reduced over the years. Action secretary to send details of TPO officer at LCC to W. Treloar who will contact the resident.
3. B. Flynn would like to record W. Treloar’s epic ride to Glasgow for the COP 26.

**Date of the next meeting Wednesday 15th December**