

Carlton Village Neighbourhood Forum (CVNF)

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2019

Present: Helen Nuttal (HN), Jan Furlong (JF), Laurie Furlong (LF) Jacqueline Rooney (JR), Peter Ellis (PE), Cllr Diane Chapman (DC), Cllr Stewart Golton (SG) (part). Kaylee Pitts (KP), Mark Pitts (MP), Kevin Kuszyk(KK)

Apologies: Cllr C Hall (CH), Kathy Genn (KG)

Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October at The Rosebud

Welcome & Introduction

Peter Ellis had kindly organized the meeting as a result of the positive interest and commitment shown by villagers at the recent AGM to continue with the Forum and to bring to a conclusion a neighbourhood plan for the village.

As the attendees are in the main new to the Forum activities and the topic of locality and planning, PE had circulated some documents as pre meeting reading and the agenda was set to provide an overview of the history of the Forum, the formal designation, the neighbourhood area, Strawberry Fields and then move on to the Constitution , committee roles and next steps.

In Summary

Carlton Neighbourhood Forum was accepted by LCC in 2015 after a wait of over 12 months to receive the formal designation. The designated area map for Carlton was circulated by PE as part of the suite of information sent out before the meeting. The area is therefore recognized by the council as ' Carlton 'for the purposes of any planning issues in the area.

The Forum must have a minimum of 21 members and prior to the AGM, PE contacted all names on the membership list and all but two (moved away) were happy to remain members leaving around 60 people.

There has been a considerable amount of work undertaken by the members of the Forum to canvas village opinion via surveys and meetings over the years and to start preparing the plan. Much of the latter half of last year and first few weeks of this year were taken up preparing for the public enquiry held as a result of Miller Homes referral to the State Inspector contesting the rejected application for houses on Strawberry Field.

There are a number of villages who have had their plans adopted already. It would be worthwhile reading these.

Action: PE to circulate list

Constitution, Roles & Responsibilities

The CVNF committee namely chair, secretary, treasurer all resigned due to personal commitments therefore new candidates are required.

All present were asked if they wished to fill any of the roles. As the new group is in its infancy and not fully up to speed with the subject matter, there were no immediate volunteers for the roles. PE offered to be acting chair for a period of time whilst confidence and knowledge grows among the group. This motion was accepted by everyone.

Action : All , review of the Constitution to be scheduled for a future meeting.

Website & Communications

Jan Furlong agreed to look at Facebook (posting updates & Info)

Action: JR Need to get password Steve / Darren.

Kevin agreed to continue with the web page and twitter. <https://www.cvnf.org.uk/>

✉ carltonnvforum@gmail.com

🐦 [@CarltonVNF](https://twitter.com/CarltonVNF)

📘 [CVNForum](https://www.cvnforum.org/)

Action: KK Website needs updated with names under the 'about ' section

Note to all, there is a lot of information kept there incl previous meeting minutes.

Strawberry Fields

CVNF representatives spoke at the public enquiry in January where Leeds City Council argued against Miller Homes' application. The council was not meeting its targets for the timely release of sufficient land resources for developers to build on and the revised land allocation plan had not been ratified at that time. Miller Homes applied for the release of the Strawberry Fields early (PAS until 2028) and the Inspector agreed. The council's (downward) revised land allocation plan has now been agreed and published albeit too late for Carlton. In conclusion, there is nothing more we can do except approach the developer ourselves and work with them on their plans for the site.

Action: KK agreed to make initial contact with Miller Homes and see what reception he receives. Thereafter we can decide who wishes to be directly involved with this issue.

LCC Support & Next Steps

Ian Mackay from Leeds City Council Neighbourhood Planning team attended the AGM and explained in his view the benefits of a Neighbourhood Forum. He also offered support for the Forum. He has previously held workshops with Rothwell Forum to develop policies to incorporate in their neighbourhood plan. Agreed we would accept the offer and organize a similar workshop. Suitable local venue required.

Action: JF to try to find somewhere to hold event.

Action: PE to circulate output from Rothwell's workshop

Funding

There are grants available of up to £9k to help local groups with their neighbourhood plans. The CVNF has received some funds which have been spent on surveys & website as well as photocopying etc. Accounts information was held by the previous treasurer (and is minuted).

There is a bank account but the signatories will have to be changed.

Action: JR to get details from previous treasurer

Arriva Funding

As part of the Strawberry Field development and the associated Section 106 Agreement, there is funding for an additional 444 bus per hour for five years. The CVNF wondered if this money could be spent elsewhere in the village and also questioned why Highways had already had this agreed when even the Inspector states in his report that the majority of movement from the new site will be via car. Cllr Hall had taken this one up with WYCA Transport & LCC.

Action: Carmel Hall to update the group.

AOB

Planning permission sought again for a Travellers site at Castle Gate next to M62. Although in Wakefield Council's area, and previously rejected in 2012 and 2017, the application has been resubmitted. We can comment on it as a group and as individuals as long as the date has not passed.

Action: JR to check previous comments on the planning submission by CVNF and circulate.

There was a question raised about possible mining activity on the Strawberry Fields. There was a report produced for the planning application which may confirm the issue.

Action: JR to retrieve and circulate.

Noted: Whatsapp group Carlton Forum set up with attendees numbers & councillors

Next Meeting : WEDNESDAY 13th November 2019 AT JAN & LAURIE'S HOUSE.