

West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum meeting minutes

Location: Camphill Road Social Club
Date: 10 September 2019
Time: 7.30pm
Attendees: Wade Pollard (Chair), Penny Hoskyn (Vice Chair), Sally Cantello, Keith Creswell, Chris Dougherty, Stewart Dick, Liz Leese Ian McAtamney, Bob Tilley, Richard Thomas
Councillors: Amanda Boote, Graham Chrystie, Gary Elson
Observers: Andy Grimshaw, Michael Spears
Apologies: Catherine Buchanan, Dharma Sivarajasingham Emma Davis, Roland Nevett,

Agenda items

1. Broadoaks Park - development update - WP
2. WB Health Centre - Meeting report - PH
3. CIL - method discussion
4. GB10/SADPD - Discussion
5. AGM - confirmation 16th October 7.00pm at Camphill Social Club
6. A245(Parvis Road) - cycle path - KC
7. AOB

The minutes of the meeting on 9 July 2019 were approved and signed by WP and SC. There was no meeting of the Forum in August owing to holidays.

ITEM NO:

1. Broadoaks Park - update

SD and WP reported on their meeting with Octagon about this development. There are 3 blocks of 18 apartments currently being built as affordable housing on behalf of Paragon Housing Association. These are due to be completed in December 2020. All of the necessary demolition work has now been carried out with the exception of Sherwood House (the building originally intended as a data centre) which is to start at the end of the month. More work will be needed on Parvis Road in order to provide utilities as the last two agreements for these have just been signed. **ACTION:** WP to speak to Lewis Jones the site manager about possible further road closures. The first third share of CIL monies relating to this development has been paid to WBC.

WP also informed the committee that an email has been received from Stephen Tilman about the Sheer House Development and that some “positive news” is likely within three months. A statement has also been released in the local papers to this effect. AG reported that there has been some

vandalism on the site and Altitude have committed to erect hoardings on the upper level to prevent this happening. **ACTION:** WP to put this information on the WBNF Facebook site.

2. WB Health Centre - Meeting report - PH

PH reported on the meeting with the three Practice managers in the WB Health Centre which was set up to hear their views on the possible increase in the local population and how the practices felt they were going to cope and also introduce the Forum to the staff as the Forum's previous contact Dr Lynch has retired. It was noted that parking continues to be a major problem for the practices. No actions were taken from the meeting. Kim Austin will be our contact in future.

3. CIL - method discussion

A proposal by the Forum to spend an initial sum of £10,000 of CIL money on improvements to the Rec and £30,000 on a play area on Birch Green was met with enthusiasm from our contact in WBC but no response has come from Ernest Amoako to whom it was passed on.

This proposal was put forward as a means of testing the current process for the allocation and spending of CIL monies which the Forum currently considers to be inoperable. **ACTION:** GE and AB to speak to Douglas Spinks and Ernest Amoako about our concerns with the process and how it can be changed. GE to report back to the next Forum committee meeting. AB to ask how other councillors in County Councils deal with CIL allocation, especially those with no Neighbourhood Forum. BT to chase up his enquiry to Locality on precedent and the experience of other forums.

4. GB10/SADPD - Discussion

It was reported that an inspector has been appointed to review the Site Allocations DPD. SD reported that he has written to WBC asking for exact numbers of housing units being built in the Borough and which sites are now included in the DPD as there appear to be significant contradictions in these figures. There is a view that some new sites such as Victoria Square in Woking should be taken into account in the figures, allowing some green belt sites to remain as such. It was suggested that the Forum focus its attention on pointing out anomalies in the SADPD document and ensuring these come to the attention of the inspector. It was noted for example that GB10 was selected for possible release from the green belt for housing as it is "very sustainably located", yet information on traffic flows on the A245 and current concerns over overcapacity (accepted by SCC) refute this claim.

5. AGM - confirmation 16th October 7.00pm at Camphill Social Club

ACTION: WP to confirm the date and report back

6. A245(Parvis Road) - cycle path - KC

Given the imminent s106 funded construction of a significant element of this proposed cycle path scheme outside the Broadoaks Park development, it was agreed that the Forum write to Councillor Azad and Ms Thornton Bryar of WBC/SCC Joint Committee to express our strong support for the item "A245 cycle and pedestrian improvements, including cycle route A245 Parvis Road between West Byfleet and Byfleet" in their existing 123 list and request that they prioritise the implementation of the remainder of the shared pedestrian and cycle path along the south side of the A245 to the motorway bridge, which should now be at a lesser cost than originally conceived. **ACTION:** KC to email the JC.

7. AOB

The committee was reminded that the second consultation on Heathrow expansion has only three more days for comments to be submitted (ends 13.9.2019).

A question was raised regarding the status of the Forum's abbreviated 123 list which was to be published on social media. **ACTION:** WP to follow up with DS.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8 October 2019