

Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum – Minutes Committee meeting on 18 July 2016

Present

John Gillett (JG), Richard Logue, Zoe Samuelson, Clive Blass, Philip Morris, Bonnie Overlander, Paul Edwards, Suzanne Brett, Cheryl Farrow, Niasie Adjaye, Susan Connolly, Caroline Oliver, Mike Barker (MB) minutes.

Apologies

Tom Davey, Christina Rowlands-Wong, Jonathan Cumming, Val Duschinsky, Sian John, Gordon Banks

Minutes of 20th June meeting were agreed.

London Neighbourhood Planning event on 21 July - MB was attending this event and would report back to the next meeting.

Pentavia Park development proposals - JG had drafted a letter to the Council covering areas of concern with the potential development. The committee reviewed the draft and made several changes. JG would send the final version to John Allen from Barnet Council plus the Mill Hill Councillors, Daniel Thomas, Matthew Offord and Andrew Dismore. JG would also write a note to Highways England about the “stopping order” for the old M1 slip road.

The Hasmonean School – The committee noted that the Council had written to the school and its agents saying that the environmental scoping document for the proposed new school site had been rejected. The scoping document had not covered a number of aspects properly, such as no efforts had been made to find alternative sites for the new school buildings.

NMIR – JG said the planning application had been received and would soon be publically available on the Council website. At 149 pages the application was extensive and would need detailed study. In particular there were concerns about traffic management and the bland facades and flat roofs of some of the proposed buildings. It was agreed to invite Barratts and the architects to the next meeting and to review the application to determine the main questions and issues the Committee had and, if necessary, submit these to the Council. (16/4545/FUL refers)

Salcombe Gardens – JG updated the committee on the Salcombe Gardens proposals. Richard had presented to the Mayor’s committee and had received £20k pledge. MB/Philip had similarly presented to the Council Hendon Area Committee and had another £20k pledged. With further pledges from the Mill Hill Preservation Society, Barnet Homes, Clive Blass's company and the Adam and Eve pub as well as support from the local shopkeepers, the overall shortfall was much reduced and with a final push the amount needed to do the work could be reached.

BIMBY – It was agreed the approach and toolkit proposed through the “Beauty in My Back Yard” (BIMBY) initiative might be worth using. A workshop would be held to test the approach, possibly on a future Saturday afternoon.

Various planning applications – JG had a number of planning applications for the committee to consider:

Dirty Burger/Chicken Shop – Plans had been submitted to the Council. The committee agreed this would be a good development for the Broadway.

St Vincent’s School – an application had been submitted to the Council for additional car parking and to move the School’s road entrance. The committee agreed there were a number of questions about the application that needed addressing.

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New Sign above M&S store – An application had been received to place a large illuminated sign above the M&S store in the Broadway. The effect would be to create much additional light pollution in the area and was out of keeping the character of the area. It was agreed that the Forum would object to the application.

King’s Head House – a planning application had been received by the Council to demolish the current property on the Ridgeway and to build a larger “neo-Georgian” block of flats. The committee were concerned that a unique modern building would be demolished and replaced by a pastiche building. It was agreed the potential to get the current building listed should be looked at.

25/27/29 Daws lane – a new application had been submitted to demolish the current buildings and build new flats on these properties. It was agreed that the Forum should object given the lack of any parking facilities and the impact on the local roads and residents living there.

AOB – JG had a number of items

Street Crime – JG reported a recent street robbery in the Reddings. This had occurred in the morning and the victim was robbed of jewellery before the criminals escaped by car. Whilst this was seen as a one off and Mill Hill was regarded by the community as a safe place to live, the committee were concerned that crime generally was on the increase and noted the need to keep an eye on the local statistics.

Mill Hill Broadway Station re-development – JG said the team of partners brought together with Matthew Offord as Chair, would be holding a couple of workshops on the development potential for the Station area on 20th July and 8th September. It was hoped a report would be published at the end of September or early October. Pell Frischmann are the Consultants commissioned by Barnet Council.

OSCI – MB mentioned the need to get some help in assembling and analysing data for the MHNF plan. He had looked at a “Local Insight” planning tool provide by OSCI. MB considered a one year subscription would help provide the support needed to draft the neighbourhood plan. The Committee agreed to using the Local Insight toolkit to help with the plan development.

Italian Market – It was agreed the market had not been as successful as the others and that more non-food stalls would be needed next time.

Mill Hill Brochure – the aim remained to publicise the area through the brochure which it was hoped would be published in October. JG was in the process of selling advertising space in the brochure so the venture would be self funding.

Pocket Park – MB and Philip had presented a grant application to the Hendon Area Committee and had gained agreement for a £12000 grant to help fund the new pocket park at the end of Brockenhurst Gardens. Along with the £8000 from Tesco’s, it was thought the total of £20k would be sufficient to establish the pocket park, though it was recognised that eventually more monies would be needed to resurface the area.

Next meeting – JG reminded everyone that the next meeting would be at Saracens on 22 August. It was hoped that proposals for the new west stand for the Allianz stadium would be presented at the meeting.

Public Meeting – There would also be a public meeting at Hartley Hall on September 21st

The meeting finished at 9.00pm.