



Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum committee meeting

21st August 2017

Present John Gillett, Philip Morris, Val Duschinsky, Susan Connolly, Paul Edwards, Peter Neal, Bonnie Overlander, Suzanne Brett, Richard Logue, Cheryl Farrow.

Apologies received from Saz Walker, Sami Greenbury, Sian John, Mike Barker, Zoe Samuelson, Christina Wong.

General Update:

JG opened the meeting with a brief overview of current planning applications, specifically a proposed development in Shakespeare Road where there is an application to turn 2 private houses into 8 flats.

Hasmonean – Hasmonean and GLA are in discussions regarding the directive from the Mayor regarding the scheme, for Hasmonean to build using their existing land. Val - Barnet are asked to wait until these discussions are finished before formally rejecting the 15 acre proposals.

Copthall Masterplan – Val attended the Stakeholder meeting. A map has been done of each piece of Green Space in the borough and green routes are being considered to link each of these. Val also says that TfL are being lobbied to look at how buses could serve the space. The report is due to come out in September according to Susan Connolly.

NIMR – Val says that changes to the scheme will be advertised on the GLA website on Thursday. The hints Val is getting is reducing the car parking, cutting down trees, increasing shared ownership to 30% but no re-design. JG says there is an open public meeting on 6th October which he intends to attend.

Pentavia – no decision or recommendations yet but the applicants had a meeting with Barnet to discuss the plan.

North London Business Park – plans for higher rise dwellings were rejected on the site – JG expressed concerns that if the development goes through on appeal this could have a negative impact on Pentavia.

Broadway – Mill and Brew now open on the site of Fratellis. Lia Organics is opening up next to NatWest bank. New phone shop opened. HSBC could be a Café Nero. Amba blow dry bar now open. Leyla's due to close, lease going to run out in September. "The Shop" is going to be a Nail Bar (ES Nails moving up the High St). In London properties is now a vaping shop.

Ideas for CIL projects

The Neighbourhood Forum is due 25% of CIL levies – how can we spend this?

Peter Neal pointed out that there are restrictions on what CIL money can be spent on - can CIL money be spent on enhancing the public realm. Is this offsetting council spending for elsewhere? JG says that the council has no standard contract for purchasing street furniture, neither do greenspaces. We need

to put in our neighbourhood development plan a list of our top projects – should we celebrate the centenary of Mill Hill Broadway in 2020? PN stated the action plan in our Neighbourhood plan should show what we intend to spend the CIL money on. Action plan for CIL spending to be set out clearly in the plan so that we can put it out to consultation.

Pocket Park due to be constructed between the next market and the French market.

NW7 Hub

Library opened on 6th April – generally feedback is glowing! Val said she can see the difference on her Tuesday surgeries. JG stated we are opening the business hub on 4th September – a Café will be established at the site. Prices for the coffees and teas will be below that of the high street coffee shops. A children's party is booked, marketing is low key at present but will be ramped up. All surplus money generated will go to the 80 Daws Lane project.

Markets

Autumn 15-16 September

French 10-11 November

Xmas 1-2- December

Pocket Parks works start after the Autumn market. Help is needed during the weekends!

AOB

AECOM is working for us again, looking at the sites we have nominated. This work is funded by the central government.

Draft 1 of the Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Barnet Council, we expect to start working on Draft 2 shortly. The Referendum to pass the neighbourhood forum plan may not be held at the same time as the local elections in May 2018.

Social Media – Caroline Oliver has been interviewing Mill Hill personalities.

Second Mill Hill Guide is in production, will be out early October.

Salcombe Gardens – paving now done, planning application in for signage.

Mill Hill Circus Roundabout – works still outstanding, the land has been registered.

PM – shall we name the pocket park? One suggestion is to wait for the Broadways centenary in 2020.

Val -Step Free Access - Network Rail CP6 directed for low hanging fruit – essentially there's less money to spend – so we may not get approval from NR for spending on this.

Val – Millbrook Park, the Inglis Consortium is intending to submit a planning application regarding car parking in the later stages of the scheme. The application proposes to decrease the car parking spaces in the sections nearer to Mill Hill East station.

Val – Broadway Bins – Designs are being reviewed by HB Law, confirmation that the planned designs can be adopted. Decision being made by next full council meeting.

It was agreed that we should have a Xmas party for Committee members, either in the Library or locally.....we just need a volunteer to organise it!

Susan Connolly proposed that once NDP Draft 2 is ready for release we should get all members of the Committee who wish to join together one Saturday afternoon for probably a 4 Hour session to review it. The participants would have already had a copy to read before that meeting. This suggestion was agreed.

Next meetings: **25th September, 23rd October, 27th November**