



Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum – Committee Meeting, 24 September 2018

Draft Minutes

Present – John Gillett (Chair), Clive Blass, Susan Connolly, Peter Neil, Cheryl Farrow, Roger Tichborne, Lachyaa Gurung, Golnar Bokaei, Sian John, Val Duschinsky, Gordon Banks, Mike Barker (minutes).

Apologies – Richard Logue, Paul Edwards, Bonnie Overlander, Caroline Oliver, Jonathon Cummings

Welcome – John welcomed everyone to the meeting.

New Councillors first impressions – Golnar and Lachyaa gave some thoughts about their roles as new councillors. Many of the issues they dealt with were the usual problems of pots holes, bin collections, flytipping etc. Larger issues were difficult to make quick progress on as individual Councillors had no executive responsibility. It was noted that in particular the shops in the Broadway did not work together to improve the shopping experience, something the Forum was keen to facilitate. Generally though the NW7 remained a good place to live and bring up families.

Planning updates – John updated the Committee on a number of the larger site proposals.

- The Watchtower building could now include an additional storey for key workers. The committee voiced a number of opinions about the status of such a proposal in the green belt site. When the formal planning application was submitted, we would need to carefully consider all aspects of the application before we expressed the Forum's position.
- A new design for the Hasmonean school had been published in the Jewish Chronicle but no formal application had yet been submitted. It was noted that the agreement of the Copthall/Mill hill green spaces masterplan, within which Hasmonaeen school site was located, had been deferred by the Council. Once again, the Forum would have to consider the application when it was submitted.
- John also noted that proposals had been mooted to rebuild the Dollis schools in Pursley Road and use some of the land for residential development.

Mill Hill Music Festival in 2019 – Roger said the next music festival would be held between 14th and 22nd of June next year, including using the town square for music acts.

Mike Barker – 12 October 2018