



Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum – Committee Meeting 20th May 2019

Minutes

Present – John Gillett (Chair), Susan Connolly, Jonathon Cumming, Bonnie Overlander, Sian John, Golnar Bokaei (part), Cheryl Farrow, Stuart Kershaw, Clive Blass, Limor Nouriel, Roger Tichborne.

Apologies received – Peter Neal, Paul Edwards, Marc Bergen, Gordon Banks, Elliot Simberg, Val Duschinsky, Lachyya Gurung,

Welcome – John welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGENDA:

- Introductions/ Apologies
- Pentavia Retail Park - Update -latest scheme changes
- SweetTree Farm
- Our NDP - Listed sites review
- Forum Renewal
- Licensing Application
- The Committee & our Constitution
- AOB

Pentavia Retail Park; Meadow Residential have now introduced further changes which they say are all “internal” to the last scheme to accommodate 41% “Affordable” homes and a total of 844 flats, only 397 Car Park Spaces, but 1600+ cycle spaces. The date for Public Hearing is now further delayed until end July.

SweetTree Farm: With very minor changes this application is now going to Committee on 30th May with a recommendation from Officers for approval. This has received support from 100s of those who welcome the facilities offered but very few live in Mill Hill. It is very unpopular on planning grounds with local residents who claim the Green Belt land has already been decimated and needs to be returned to its original state to preserve trees and habitats. We are deeply concerned about the long-term plans for further development of the site. Hopefully Councillors will refuse it.

Our NDP. We reviewed the proposed Listed sites. While we completed this work, the Council have also performed a similar exercise. The only 2 sites we now need to take forward in our NDP are the Observatory and Trinity Church. The other sites we nominated are to be included by the Council in their new Local List.

Forum renewal: Papers have now been submitted to Barnet Council as a formal Planning Application to renew our Neighbourhood Forum for a further 5 years from 17th September 2019, the anniversary of our original designation

Licensing Application: To support our events in the Town Square that encourage greater footfall to improve the economy of our Town Centre, an application was made for a licence to allow performances, (live and canned music, showing of films, dancing, acting) as we wanted flexibility to plan future events and to reduce the cost of Temporary Events Licences. WE also applied to be allowed to sell alcohol to help gain income to reduce the costs of running such events. It is believed that Messrs Logue & Klaff have campaigned with local residents of Brockenhurst Gardens to oppose the licence without discussing it with us. The Application will be reviewed by the Licencing Sub-Committee on 29th May.

The Committee: We **still** need a new Secretary and Deputy Chairman. Clearly those involved in the “challenge” have ramped up their activity with regards to the Licensing Application and doubtless they will attack us on our renewal application.

A Public Meeting was being planned for May but will not now happen due to other pressures until September or even October. We are required to hold an AGM in September or close to September. Room hire of a sufficiently large room is proving to be difficult. Frankly once our Regulation 14 NDP Draft has been submitted to the Council, we will be proud to communicate its content publicly but cautious about those who may wish to only find fault. Suggested changes to our Constitution will need to be drafted for approval at the AGM.

Loading documents onto our Website is lagging behind based on other pressures, mainly to develop the plan with limited resources.

AOB: Nothing to report.