

Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Minutes of the Steering group Meeting held on 26th January 2022

Present : C. Coyle, C. Exley, B. Flynn, S. McQuire, M. Norman, W. Treloar, R. Utley, S. Williams.

Apologies : J. Andrews, R. Clarkson, L. Crosland, C. Lomas, Mike Tonks

Declaration of Interest : No new

Minutes of the last meeting ; Accepted

Matters arising (items not on the agenda):None

Regulation 14 update: B. Flynn reported that all the regulation comments had been completed and the final 40 will be sent to the Steering group for their comments. Following a meeting with Ian MacKay who agreed that it was reasonable timetable for our work to be completed and taken to referendum later this year. The provisional timetable is:

Writing group to complete all changes and produce the final draft by Spring together with the Consultation Statement and a Basic Conditions Statement (written by Ian). This will then be submitted to LCC and taken to Regulation 16.

We then select an examiner who will review the documents and probably suggested changes. This process could take 4 – 12 weeks

We then amend as advised, take it back to LCC who will then organise a referendum. We will have to help with the local publicity.

Actions: Writing group to complete amended plan and Consultation statement. Consultation responses to be placed on the website.

Treasurer's report: S. Williams reported balance stands at £207.40 . If necessary we can apply for additional Locality funding for the referendum publicity. The Garforth Gala will be held on 26th June and a stall will cost £45, however this was felt to be a valued opportunity to publicise the forthcoming referendum.

Facebook page : W. Treloar reported that he had been placing Information from LCC on issues of relevance to Garforth residents at regular intervals. Some positive comments had been received.

Membership: We now have 3 vacancies on the Steering Group. It was decided to make a specific appeal for additional Forum members to join the Steering group. **Action** C. Coyle will send an e mail to Forum members.

Facebook page update: W. Treloar has posted articles from LCC re transport and climate change issues.. Some positive responses have been received.

Leeds 2023 : Postponed to the next meeting

Development Plans Panel: The last meeting held on 14th December discussed the SAP remittal recommendations to remove all the remaining Green belt sites proposed for housing in the SAP, as there was no evidence to support the exceptional circumstances required for the removal of Green Belt land. One green belt site will be removed for an employment site which is at Barrowby Lane Colton. The next meeting is on 1st March, agenda not yet available.

North & east Plans panel: met in December, there were no items relating to Garforth for discussion.

Planning applications relating to Garforth:

1. Church Lane cricket club 19/02248 has not yet been resolved.
2. The Weatherspoons' application for extended hours is yet to be decided at the High Court appeal.
3. 21/10233 The removal of the listed railway bridge at the station is still current. Comments need to be made by 16th February
4. 22/00435 Change of use for the corner shop (top of Main St) to a Hot Food Takeaway Comments to be submitted by 15th February
5. 22/00357 phase 3 of the Pas site on the Selby Road for 65 dwellings. Comments to be submitted by 16th February
6. 22/00408 phase 4 of the PAS site for 52 dwellings on the Selby Road . Comments to be submitted by 16th February

Outer East Community Committee: met 4th December

Topics of discussion included Local investigation on practical and planning initiatives to combat climate change, a Highway winter gritting service, The financial report and Community teams reports.

Link to the minutes

<https://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1003&MId=11680&Ver=4>

The next meeting is 8th March , agenda not yet available.

AOB :. P. Roberts has submitted his resignation from the Steering group. He has been a member from the inaugural meeting in 2014. He wishes the plan and the members well in this important issue for Garforth.

There are now 3 vacancies on the Steering group, there are still specific pieces of work to be completed including monitoring of planning applications. R. Utley volunteered to be a contact for the railway bridge and the Selby Road applications.

Discussion was raised about the removal of yet another part of Garforth's history with the proposed removal of the listed bridge together with the absence of the listed milestone of the Aberford Road. These issues need to be brought to the attention of the relevant officer in LCC.

M. Norman informed the group about the winding up of the Garforth Historical Society. All their documents will remain in the Garforth Library.

Date of the next meeting : Wednesday 16th February 7.30 pm. By Zoom