

## **Record of Meeting of Friends of Nutsford Vale**

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn**

#### **Attendees:**

Mavis Holt,	Maureen Riding,	Bernie Cree,	Steve Cree,
Claire James,	Rita Edge,	Barrie Edge,	John Prunty,
Alan Gibson,	Frank Pollitt,	Jean Wood,	Bob Lomas,
Ally Fogg,	Maureen Riding,	Daniel Heathcote,	Marie Convery,
Sarah Ahmed,	Barbara Moore,	Mark Lucas.	

#### **Apologies:**

Pauline Sergeant, Bruce James.

#### **Welcome & Introduction:**

#### **Matters Arising: from Previous Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

None.

#### **Main Meeting:**

1. Minutes from the Site meeting with Council & Laing O'Rourke on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 still not received. Chased up again.
2. Cllr Rosa Battle has now taken over from Cllr Sheila Newman and Cllr Luthfur Rahman will take on Rosa Battle position in mid July.
3. Letters of assurance for support of our campaign received from Cllrs Stone, Cookson & Richards. We have had verbal assurance from Afzal Khan. Cllrs Rahman & Chohan have not replied to my email.
4. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Consultation Meeting has still not been arranged. Jane Dudley (MCC) asked for update asap.
5. Fields of Trust – “Added Community Value” - the group agreed that we should try to get Nutsford Vale Country Park recognised as an ACV. If only to let the council know that we are exploring every available avenue to stop the new school being built on the Vale.
6. Pro Bono Publico – It turns out that the friends group would have to do all the legwork and admin and need to give them 3 weeks notice and not be guaranteed support. If we got support, it would only be for 3 days. The group felt that approaching a local solicitor would be much better for our needs and give us more control.
7. Strategic Action Group – Ally suggested a core group, meeting as required, be formed to focus purely on what needs to be done and getting it done. Each member of the group could be tasked with doing a specific job such as arranging a new leaflet for after the planning application is submitted, Demonstrations, Media work, Publicity, Events etc. the first meeting to be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn with Ally, Barrie, Mark, Bob, Jean, Bernie.
8. No feedback yet from Cllr Bernard Stone re Sir Richard Leese meeting.

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9. Bernie, Steve, Alan & Claire have already written to the Planning Committee. Bob has also written to Afzal Khan re cladding used on tower blocks & schools locally. Letters should also be sent to the Government Department for Environment.
10. Bob has made FOI requests for all documents regarding toxicology & ecology on Nutsford Vale Country Park.
11. It was agreed, that at the next Full Council Meeting, (date to be confirmed) at 10:00am, as many of the friends group would go into the public gallery of the Council chamber in our Nutsford Vale t-shirts. Sit quietly and watch proceedings, in a group, and hope to intimidate but mainly to show strength & commitment.
12. All the Friends should keep posting comments & photos on our "savenutsfordvale" Facebook page

### **A.O.B.**

Ally was concerned about arranging a meeting with the Executive Committee & getting signed documentation from those who support us and also those who do not. We need a paper trail of accountability.

Planning Committee – Cllr Nasrin Ali - Deputy Chair - (Levenshulme) – Cllr Afia Kamal (Gorton North). Alan pointed out that we need to lobby the planning committee members, being careful of the wording used, to ensure they were aware of the situation concerning Nutsford Vale Country Park. Also both these councillors are up for election in 2018. He also confirmed that he had written to Afzal Khan and got a response to the effect that new MPs may have a high volume of mail and it may take some time before they can reply.

It was also noted that Openshaw is a feeder area for the proposed new school on Nutsford Vale Country Park.

### **Next Scheduled Meeting:**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the Bluebell Inn at 6:30pm**

<b>Future Meetings:</b>
<b>Every Wednesday from 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn</b>

### **Next Event(s):**

**Litter Pick: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 from 10:00am**  
(Meet at the Bickerdike Avenue entrance to the Vale)

**Gorton Carnival: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 10:30am 'til 3:00pm**  
(Timings to be confirmed)