

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

## **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn**

### **Attendees:**

John Prunty,	Maureen Riding,	Ally Fogg,	Alan Gibson,
Marie Convery,	Steph Prior,	Ian Prior,	Jean Wood,
Bob Lomas,	Rita Edge,	Barrie Edge,	Mavis Holt,
Barbara Moore,	Bernie Cree,	Steve Cree,	Claire James,
Christine Prunty.			

### **Apologies:**

Bruce James, Pauline Sergeant, Rosalind Janes.

### **Welcome & Introduction:**

### **Matters Arising: from Previous Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017**

- None.

### **Main Meeting:**

1. Gorton Carnival – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2017 – set up by 10:30am - Donations for Tombola made by several members – storage, delivery, preparation & ticketing by Rita & Barrie. Support on stall assured by Steve, Bernie, Claire, Danny, Barrie, Rita, Bob & Jean. T-Shirts and Bags will also be on sale at the Carnival.
2. Arup Meeting (arranged by Council) on 22/8/2017 – Arup have been brought in by the Council to do a formal review of all survey methodology and activities so far to ensure that they have been done to the required regulatory standards and make sure all the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed. Rita described to the group what their brief was and what we should expect from them. Any short-comings found will be advised to the Council and the Friends Group. They appeared to be impartial, well prepared and eager to take on board our comments & concerns. We were told at the 4<sup>th</sup> July meeting with the council that there were to be independent toxicity test, this will now not be the case. We have arranged a further meeting with them on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 when hopefully their review will be complete. It was noted that in the document to be reviewed by the Council next week (5<sup>th</sup> September) there are references to the need for further work to be undertaken before the site can be confirmed as being suitable for a school to be built on so we need to be aware that Arup cannot review work/reports that have not yet been completed.
3. Petition not now going up for Scrutiny. Cllr Julie Reid appears to have changed her mind since the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 meeting at the Town Hall.
4. Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee meeting on 5 September will be considering a report on proposals to build a new secondary school on Nutsford Vale and this report has been published on their website. The meeting is at 2:00pm in the Scrutiny Committee Room, Town Hall Extension. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting to observe. The group agreed to meet there at 1:30pm to attend the meeting with a prepared statement from the group in our "make a noise" t-shirts. (Ally to draft a group statement and obtain group consensus of content). We need to bear in mind that the document under review simply asks

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the committee to “Note” various points within it. They will not be voting for or against it. They can however question the validity of any point and request an amendment. Ally felt that between now and the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September we should brief the committee members of our concerns and inaccuracies within the report.

5. Secretary to email the Chief Executive J Roney pointing out Cllr Reid's conflict of interest at the September 5<sup>th</sup> Scrutiny Committee meeting.
6. The group were all asked to email all the members of the Children and Young People Committee to point out that the comments in the report they are reviewing concerning the Public Consultation Meetings do not accurately reflect the comments made by the public. According to the report, 66, 52, 45 feedback forms were completed at the 3 consultation meetings respectively. If, on each one of those meetings, 15 to 20 Friends of Nutsford Vale members completed a form then 45 to 60 out of 163 would have had negative comments on it – i.e. approx 27% to 37%. This is not recognised in the report they are reviewing.
7. The Group were advised of the official Continental Landscapes' work schedule – Empty the bins twice weekly and mow the verges once a month. They appear to be emptying the bins as per the schedule now but they have not mown the verges yet this year. Jane Dudley has been advised.
8. Requesting a NIF Grant to cover our costs of maintaining the verges and paths was discussed and agreed that we should apply. Claire to follow up and submit an application.
9. Community Orchard – the group agreed that at the next Litter Pick day (6<sup>th</sup> September) some of the members would do the Litter Pick whilst others would cut the grasses round the fruit trees and mulch the trees. Estimated approx 3 bags of bark required.
10. Alan G's email & newspaper articles – points to note – deferred until next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

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

1. Any more T-Shirts or Shopping Bags required?

### **Next Scheduled Meeting:**

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

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

**Gorton Carnival: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 12 noon 'til 4:00pm**  
(Set up by 10:30am)

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee meeting:**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 from 2:00pm at Scrutiny Committee Room, Town Hall Extension.**

**Litter Pick: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 from 10:00am**  
(Meet at the Bickerdike Avenue entrance to the Vale)

**Group Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 6:30pm**

**Coppicing: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 10:30am – The “Pond” area.**  
(Claire to organise)