

## **Record of Emergency Meeting of Friends of Nutsford Vale Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn**

### **Attendees:**

Margaret Body,	Harold Body,	Ally Fogg,	Patricia Kealy,
Cllr Julie Reid,	Frank Pollitt,	Steve Cree,	Susan Bristow,
Cath Adlen,	David Sloane,	Bernie Cree,	Rita Edge,
Barrie Edge,	Keith Sloane,	Wan Sloane,	Mavis Holt,
Daniel Heathcote,	Kath O'Rourke,	Chris O'Rourke,	Bob Lomas,
Joan Wood,	Christine Prunty,	John Prunty,	Cllr Bernard Stone,
Marc Melhuish,	Pauline Sergeant,	Bruce James,	Alan Gibson,
Angela Millington.			

### **Apologies:**

Claire James,	Barbara Moore,	Maureen Riding,	Cllr Peter Cookson,
Cassie Spinks-Lewis.			

### **Matters Arising: from Previous Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Pauline had issue with comment about "How can we stop them coming here" because she didn't want anyone to think she was being racist. We assured her that that wasn't the case.

### **Main Meeting:**

**Welcome everyone** and thanks for coming.

**Arranging site visit with Jane Dudley** asap about the damage to the Vale and the reparation required on the Vale and feedback at next meeting here.

**Completed hand-written petition forms** collected.

**Special thanks to Steve & Bernie** for their sterling work over the weekend, creating, printing & delivering 400 leaflets across the "Manor" and collected quite a few petition signatures too.

#### **Information from Cllrs Julie Reid & Bernard Stone -**

Council's information at this stage is that what's in Nutsford Vale is basic landfill stuff. Final report not expected for another week or so. They are still looking to build on Nutsford Vale at this stage. They Council can only build on Council land. Julie & Bernard have suggested Annie Lees as an alternative to look at, but that land is classed as playing fields. They are calling for a meeting with Richard Leese next week regarding the Vale.

#### **Toxic waste from ICI Dyestuff Blackley** – was tipped there.

Cardiff landfill site suffered Methane & Radon poisoning which caused a huge spike of cancer in the area.

Concern was expressed about several dogs who are regularly exercised on the Vale had become ill since all this work began.

**Independent toxicity test** was suggested or a review of the final report to rule out any bias.

**Ally enquired** – why can the Council only build on Council land? Why can't they buy alternate land? They've sold off enough.

Lytham Road was university land so had to be purchased.

If Council can't build schools, why does it have to be Council land? Because of lack of money and commercial pressures affecting the price.

It was noted that there was currently a **traffic count set up on Matthews Lane & Mount Road**.

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**Village Green Status** – we need to look into this and apply for it as it may be a possible means of objecting to planning applications.

**Alan G** pointed out that there are **2 different schemes for distribution of immigrants** – Compass Scheme – highly discredited – and negatively biased against Manchester in terms of the numbers allocated – 3 times as many as is fair  
Syrian Refugee Scheme – 20,000 across the country to be distributed.  
Manchester has been using the Compass Scheme for the last 5 years and needs to be changed.

### **Regulating Landlord Registration -**

Pilot scheme of Landlord Registration in 5 areas including Crumpsall, Moston & Fallowfield. By law only 20% of landlords are required to register

Human rights to satisfactory accommodation – difficult to define in private sector

**Various sites were being suggested for investigation** – but why secrecy of other 9?

Pricing sensitivity issue if warned land might be being considered for purchase.

Rita suggested another alternative site might be off Hyde Road opposite the bus dept which stretches from the bridge right down to Devonshire Street.

**Cllr Julie Reid reminded us** that when the new boundary changes come into force they would no longer be our councillors as Nutsford Vale would “move” from Gorton South to Longsight. We therefore need to lobby the Longsight councillors as well.

**Who would be responsible for any disaster** if building goes ahead?

The Land Owner i.e. the Council would be responsible.

**Need to dig any deeper?** The surveyors are conforming to regulation requirements.

**Vibro Rotation Test** – has this been carried out? This test allows for any existing gases to be discovered more easily.

### **Council has a Key Decision meeting every week**

**Is there a schedule for what happens** when a consultation happens before planning permission is applied for? They need to have a school built for September 2018.

The sequence of events is:-

Apply to executive.

Then pre-planning consultation – letters to everyone in local area.

Then formal consultation – anyone can speak – via internet / post.

Physical meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> consultation

**Get Leaflets ready for this along with other promotional material / events** – Draft letter – Personal letter much better and much more effective.

May be use “J.R.” Masks of Richard Leese as protest.

**Monthly Executive meeting** – The next one is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February - anyone can attend.

**Locomotion Internet Radio** from the Steelworks Tavern pub in Gorton – Open Mic every Wednesday from 9pm. Would anyone like to partake?

Alan Beswick good sounding board

**Julie suggested** everyone should write or email Richard Leese

**On Kilnwick Close a house extension** had to be built on piles due to stability of the land at £2000 per pile.

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<b>Action Plan</b>	<b>Who</b>
Write Letters	Everyone – Ally volunteered to prepare draft / guide but please personalise - use own words
Contact local radio	Everyone
Manchester Ecology Unit	Any Volunteers?
Write to Woodland Trust & RSPB (previously promised to contact OneManchester)	Mavis
Arrange site visit re reparation work with Council & contractors representatives	Rita & Barrie

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Bluebell Inn at 6:30pm**

**Next Event:**

**Litter Pick: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 10:30am**

**Meet at the Bickerdike Avenue Entrance to the Vale.**