

Minutes of Emergency Meeting of Friends of Nutsford Vale Thursday 19th January 2017 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn

Attendees:

Rita Edge,	Barrie Edge,	Barbara Moore,	Daniel Heathcote,
Mavis Holt,	Cassie Spinks-Lewis,	Ian Morris,	Mark Dunn,
Maureen Riding,	Bernie Cree.	Stephen Cree,	D Cole,
Barbara Moore,	Keith Sloane,	Gwen Sloane,	Denise Riding,
Jo Bowen,	Bruce James,	Gail Nicholson,	D Cooke,
Christine Prunty,	John Prunty,	Helen Jones,	Ally Fogg,
Alan Gibson,	Grantley Vernon,	Sarah Ahmed,	Julie Knizka-Craig,
Maxine Knizka-Craig,	Chris O'Rourke,	Kathleen O'Rourke,	Raury,
Samira Dahou.			

Apologies:

Marie Convery,	Pauline Sergeant,	Cllr Peter Cookson,	Janet Muldowney.
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Matters Arising from Previous Meeting on 11th January 2017

None

Main Meeting:

Rita opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming and noted more new faces.

Council can no longer set up schools any more – They can establish the need for new schools through population estimates etc and liaise with Educational bodies to get the schools built and set up

The Archaeological Dig – only lasted a couple of hours and apparently found nothing of note.

Additional Trench Required – a copy of an email from the council was distributed which showed the location and route to it to cause the minimum damage to the Vale.

Freedom of Information Request - Ally has asked for details of commissioned work and minutes and correspondence relating to Nutsford Vale

16/12/2016– Education Dept Meeting - This was apparently when matter of Nutsford Vale was raised.

Article in MEN - Bruce advised of article re planning for schools

A Bad Council Decision? - Teacher from St Peter's school advised that council had closed school and built houses on the land and now a new school is needed.

Big influx of immigrants - from Romania & Somalia expected. Cedar Mount rebuilding appears to be a red herring.

Traffic flow increase - around the area would exacerbate an already intolerable situation.

Councillor Siddiqui (Gorton North) is on planning committee

The Council has been asked - to confirm that a survey of Endangered Species will be made before any further work on the Vale. We await their reply.

John Thaw Charity who fund Gorton Young Ambassadors - may be able to have some input.

Save our Bins - appealed on local Gorton Radio which is held in Gorton Pub – might be Steelworks Tavern.

Mark spoke on ALLfm - on our behalf last week.

Facebook "savenutsfordvale" page - has had 1077 hits so far – get involved and upload photos, write your comments, ask for or give information – it's an 'open to anyone' page so could be used as a forum for ideas/campaigning.

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Sarah Ahmed – posted on Levy Massive and will approach

Andy Burnham – in Longsight at 6:30pm on Friday 20th Jan at the Pakistani Community Centre and ask questions on our behalf

GMSF (Greater Manchester Spatial Framework) - now crumbling. 25 sq miles of green belt though Nutsford Vale isn't shown as part of it, but we were still justified in requesting it be added

Ally agreed to contact Jane Brophy – Lib Dem Mayoral candidate

Ideas for Raising Awareness discussed included -

Fighting Fund

Protest March

Badges- Steven Cree volunteered to fund. Thank you Steven.

Follow Politicians/Notorieties to obtain signatures for our petitions

CJ Associates - Ally will send them some info

Even if school never gets built – they could well just leave the Vale in it's current horrible state and not come back

Write to your Councillor – or check their surgery dates & times and go and ask for their support – they are supposed to work for you – see details below of when their surgeries are

Drop in Advice Sessions and Surgeries

All advice sessions attended by **Councillor Cookson, Councillor Reid and Councillors Stone** on a rota basis

Crowcroft Park Primary School

Northmoor Road

Longsight

MANCHESTER

M12 5SY

3rd Thursday of every month (Except School Holidays) 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Sacred Heart Church Hall

Levenshulme Road

off Ryder Brow

Gorton

MANCHESTER

M18 7WJ

2nd Monday of every month 6.15pm to 6:45pm

Arcadia Leisure Centre

Yew Tree Avenue

Manchester

M19 3PH

2nd Saturday of every month 11:00 am to 12:00pm

Flyers - 1000 flyers, plus street maps for the areas around the Vale along with Petition Sheets (for those people without access to the internet) were given to the Group for distribution to these specific areas initially.

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Next Meeting:

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Next Event:

**Litter Pick: Saturday 4th February 2017 from 10:30am
Meet at the Bickerdike Avenue Entrance to the Vale.**