

Record of Emergency Meeting of Friends of Nutsford Vale Wednesday 8th March 2017 6:30pm at the Blue Bell Inn

Attendees:

Marie Convery,	Susan Bristow,	Sam Wheeler,	Claire James,
Barrie Edge,	Mavis Holt,	Bernie Cree,	David Sloane,
Barbara Moore,	Steve Cree,	Jean Wood,	Bob Lomas,
Kath O'Rourke,	Chris O'Rourke,	Cassie Spinks-Lewis,	Maureen Riding,
Christine Prunty,	John Prunty,	Mark Lucas,	Alan Gibson,
Ally Fogg,	Phil Murphy,	Frank Pollitt,	Bruce James.

Apologies:

Rita Edge,	Barrie Edge,	Daniel Heathcote,	Pauline Sergeant,
Pat Kealy,	Cllr Peter Cookson,	Cllr Bernard Stone.	

Main Meeting:

Meeting start by Claire at 18.40 with 16 people present (23 at the close)

Introduction:

Thanks to Bernie & Steve for chairing the meeting last week.

Thanks to Cassie for work on the website and for laminated posters, flyers and pre-planning consultation event leaflets.

Thanks to Ally for campaigning efforts and posters.

Thanks to Bob for 'digging'. Keep going!

Steve & Bernie's feedback:

Better meeting without the Councillors' politics. Need to plan protest letters now as short window available before May and June and the final opportunity to object.

Bob Lomas:

No licenses ever issued for tipping.

Andy Burnham – fobbed off from meeting him.

Andy Burnham representative for transport infrastructure and re-nationalisation – he might have been interested in the traffic side of our protest.

Received email from council re licences.

No reply until 15th March re traffic census.

Radio Manchester interview on Alice Butterworth show a week last Friday.

Posters displayed.

Disturbingly some of the local community sees the new school as a golden opportunity.

Split between male and female views.

Cedar Mount site rejected 10 years ago because of expense to make safe.

Last authorised dumping at Nutsford Vale was July 1978; site sealed in 1982. So not 40 years until 2022.

Ally Fogg:

Make a Noise Campaign.

Has met with Acting Head of Grange School – Head is off – long term sick.

She is supportive but limited in the action she can take.

Contact Board of Governors.

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Will be at Chapel Street consultation Meeting.

We should make clear: the suggestion that Grange School is a 'nuisance' has come from MCC – we find this offensive.

Alan insisted we make sure of facts to protect ourselves.

Ideas for action created much discussion. Synthesis:

Displaying letters at 13.00

Gather at 13.30 for Make a Noise protest.

Musicians, Gospel Choir etc.

14.00 Video the procession – edit to 3 minute film. Invite people with cameras.

Wildlife talk with gazebo – good weather forecast

Hammer social media

Bring friends and family if possible.

Mention of Tim Laycock – Site options appraisal

Cassie:

New website running – not perfect yet

Fm – what's going on? Post links, pictures etc – free write

News page and front page of web site. We must all post stuff.

Laminated posters ready to be displayed.

Mavis:

Gorton Events Committee Meeting.

Consultation in Longsight and Levenshulme but not Gorton. Discussion about where one could be held. Need to speak to planning group about this.

Next Thursday is the final pre-planning consultation meeting at Chapel Street Primary School.

The first consultation was well attended.

Traffic question raised again: report of students from Cedar Mount Academy dropped off on Matthews Lane so as not to negotiate Mount Road.

Sam Wheeler:

Possible Labour candidate for Gorton By-Election. Talked about shortage of suitable housing but objects to Academies and creeping privatisation of education. Born in Longsight – local boy made good. Good pitch – perhaps overdid the local boy.

Bob:

Stand on Nutsford Vale – Why build a landfill site?

Ally & Mavis:

Councillors seem to be as much in the dark as FONV members and locals.

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Alan:

There are alternative brownfield sites for north and east Manchester schools.

Angel Meadow (Gardens) apartments development – MCC & Co-op. No social housing – suggestion that children would travel to Nutsford Vale school.

Reminder from Claire:

10.30 Litter pick on Saturday.

Other Business:

Phil:

block planning on technical issues. Any money lent can be fraught because delays will add to expenditure

Confirmation of Bats (or newts) on site could be key. If neighbouring houses could be encouraged to have bat houses in their gardens they could not be removed as they would be on private property. Presence of bats needs to be confirmed and the species (one or more) identified. Different bats require different boxes.

Bob added that development may not take place during any breeding season. This might not matter if site preparation and building took place in Autumn and Winter.

Claire left at 20.10 to attend the Highfield allotments meeting, thanking everyone for their attendance and contributions and reminding them of the next 2 events: the Litter pick on Saturday at 10.30 and Make a Noise on Sunday at 13.30. She has arranged with Heath Cole to collect new equipment from the Denmark Road office on Friday. She closed the main meeting but invited people to continue with their discussion and to speak to Sam Wheeler.

Cassie drew our attention to the felling of trees along Melland Road. This is so that land testing may take place before proposed housing development. Mention of arsenic from the old running track

Bruce closed the meeting at 20.30 and several people stayed to discuss the next events.