

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Pimlico Neighbourhood Forum

St Saviours Hall, Pimlico

Tuesday 5th October 2021

Present

Steering Group

Peter Ruback (Chairman)

Clive Aslet

Sarah Moncrieff

Simon Clark (Treasurer)

Andrew McCarthy (Secretary)

27 members of the Forum

Apologies

James Ingham (Vice Chairman)

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1. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance and support. No meeting had been possible in 2020 but a full report and accounts had been made available to Members on the Forum's website.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 1st May 2019

The draft had circulated with the agenda and was approved.

3. Matters arising not otherwise covered by the Agenda

None

4. Chairman's Report

The full report had been made available with the agenda. In speaking to his Report the Chairman made specific reference to the progress made in developing the Plan and the process whereby after further discussions an independent Examiner would finally rule on whether the Plan was appropriate. After this there would be a Referendum of all registered voters within the Forum Area. He emphasised the importance of members voting and encouraging others to do so. In discussion the points were made that the Referendum was the same process as casting a vote in an election on a yes/no basis to approve the plan that if all members and those who were members of Resident Associations that supported the Plan voted yes there should be a sufficient majority to pass it, that there were no minimum turnout or majority requirements and that it was hoped that in discussion with Westminster City Council Electoral Services Department (which is responsible for running the Referendum) it would not be held to coincide with the Council elections in May 2022 which could lead to confusion. The Chairman also discussed the support that had been given in explaining the needs of the businesses in and around Warwick Way and the residents who lived and shopped in that area that had ultimately led to the 1-way system and arrangements for outside dining. The Chairman mentioned the significance of the Plan in respect of

building heights and the comments that had been made in respect of the proposed development in Wilton Road that was now under appeal. In response to a question he said that although he was aware of some of the possible proposals for developing the Stockley House site the building height being mentioned seemed to be at odds with the Westminster Plan and although the site was outside the Forum Area it would be kept under review. The Chairman concluded by expressing the view that air quality CO2 emissions and the significance of retro fitting historic buildings for domestic heating would be a growing issue.

5. Steering Group Members

Sarah Moncrieff (who had been co-opted onto the Steering Group) Peter Ruback, James Ingham, Clive Aslet, Simon Clark and Andrew McCarthy (the members previously elected) were all confirmed in office.

6. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The accounts for the year ended 30th April 2020 had previously been made available to Members. Those the year ended 30th April 2021 were made available with the Agenda and had been approved by the Steering Group. The Treasurer told the meeting they showed a balance in hand which, taken with ability to draw down on other funds from Westminster City Council should be sufficient to cover work in completing the development of the Plan through the Examination phase and canvassing for support in the Referendum.

7. Pimlico Neighbourhood Forum Limited

The Secretary confirmed that all statutory requirements in connection with the company had been dealt with and filings with Companies House were up to date.

8. Any other business

None

9. Date of next meeting.

An extraordinary meeting would be called if the Steering Group felt that it was appropriate because of matters arising in the Examination or Referendum. Otherwise an AGM would be convened in 12 months time.

10. Close of meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting.