



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 20th January 2022 at Didsbury Sports Ground (DSG) at 7 p.m.

Residents present

Ford Lane: Mike Purcell, Lee Woods, Jackie Butterworth, Kate Catling, Mary Thomas, John Thomas

Fordbank Road: Laurence Duric, Jean Johnston

Dene Road: Cliona Kirwan, Nick Kirwan, Rachel Pattinson, Sarala Gunawardena, Phil Thomas, Pam Thomas, Karen Mailes, Martin Mailes, Colin B

Deneford Road: Barbara Griffin, Joe Griffin

Committee present

Rachel Dalton-Woods (Chair), Sarah Purcell (Secretary), Tony Butterworth (Senior Residents' Officer), John Waterton (Green Officer).

In attendance

Cllr. John Leech, Cllr. Greg Stanton

Apologies for absence

Trevor Gale, Cllr. Debbie Hilal

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions had been completed with the exceptions of item 1, which was considered a springtime activity, and items 4, 7 and 8, all of which are on-going and included in the revised list of actions. 																																		

2.	Update on Dene Road VAS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A document was tabled outlining nine options for the proposed Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) sign as a trial (at least two-year) traffic calming measure for Dene Rd. It was explained that residents could choose a preferred option with the entirety of the cost to be met by Highways. Discussion followed on the relative merits of each, a shortlist of three was agreed and votes were cast with residents voting overwhelmingly (20 nr.) for option two with the following specification: Large LED DSD Speed Display with SLOW DOWN Safety Message & Sad/Smiley Face Option [EN12966:2014] • Discussion followed on the merits of the sign facing the approach to Wilmslow Rd and those of it facing the opposite direction towards Spath Road. Votes were cast with residents voting in favour (14 nr.) of the following option: From Wilmslow Rd to Spath Rd
3.	Update from Councillors
	<p><u>Cllr. John Leech</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall outside Lansdowne House now fixed by landowner • Didsbury Library to shut for decoration for 6 weeks from 14th Feb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lib Dem surgery to be held at Didsbury Good Neighbours Neighbourhood Centre within Didsbury Park • Single yellow line on the corner of Dene Rd and Ford Lane to be converted to double yellow and to extend all the way down to Deneford Rd. • Two-year road resurfacing programme had been drawn up with 2023-24 still in draft • Highways had been requested to resurface the bottom end of Dene Rd where surface coming away prior to lines being drawn. Not yet agreed. • Resurfacing work Ford Lane (at Dene Rd end). Will now be resurfaced after previous patch repairs. • Discussion followed on the proposed resurfacing the stretch of footway on Ford Lane which runs past Deneford Rd towards Dene Rd. Residents expressed a preference for the footway of the other *part of Ford Lane (Deneford Rd to Fordbank Rd) to be resurfaced as an alternative since the presence of parked cars renders the first stretch unusable for pedestrians. *It was later confirmed that this is the area already on the programme. <p><u>Cllr. Greg Stanton</u></p> <p>MANCHESTER UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New leader of Man City Council Bev Craig (Burnage Ward) • The Budget Consultation is open until 8th Feb at: https://www.manchester.gov.uk/budget • Biffa expected to resume usual collections/emptying service from next week • GMP Policing Budget Consultation is open until 27th Jan which proposes an increase of up to £0.83 a month at: https://www.gmconsult.org/police-and-crime-team/police-funding-2022/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid 937/100,000 down from 1,895/100,000 previous week (87th in country) <p>DIDSBURY UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunisation (over 12) Dose 1 – 77.8% and Dose 2 – 72.5% (third after Chorlton and Didsbury East) • Didsbury Library refurbishment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Labour surgeries to be held at Didsbury Good Neighbours Neighbourhood Centre • Designs sought for Garden of Contemplation • Final call for NIF grants – residents encouraged to approach the Chair with ideas <p>FBRA area road resurfacing programme 2022-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ford Lane (Deneford Rd to Dene Rd) • Westmorland Rd <p>FBRA area footway resurfacing programme 2022-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ford Lane (Fordbank Rd to Deneford Rd – North Side) • Fordbank Rd – Dene Road to Harefield Drive) • Granville Gardens <p>Diary Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didsbury Festival Sat 11th June • Carols and lights switch on Thurs 17th November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Senior Residents’ Officer enquired whether a box-shaped planter for Dene Road could be considered for a NIF grant. Cllrs responded that potentially this could qualify provided it leaves enough accessible pavement space and would be maintained by residents as with existing planters. It was again suggested that residents/members approach the chair with any NIF suggestions.
4.	Future shape of the FBRA/voting for officers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion took place on the future of the association as current Chair and Secretary had confirmed they would be standing down. The Senior Residents’ Officer and councillors relayed the benefits of a formally constituted body which allows residents to have a recognised voice, make applications for funding and attend Didsbury West ward meetings. • Discussion took place on whether the association should become predominantly virtual except for the AGM required under the constitution. WhatsApp group discussions had proved successful in communicating residents’ concerns to councillors and in particular advancing the Dene Rd speed sign initiative. It was agreed that the additional on-line presence of the WhatsApp groups is beneficial but that residents should be mindful of those who would not engage in this way. • Discussion followed on the regularity of face-to-face meetings. In-person meetings were considered important but perhaps with less regularity. Residents agreed to a hybrid arrangement of two meetings per year and use of the WhatsApp Groups. Cllr Stanton advised that the AGM should take place in the winter by January at the latest to align with council timescales

	<p>and budgets. It was agreed the second date should be in the summer months. Additional face-to-face meetings could be arranged should the need arise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Senior Residents' Officer volunteered to attend ward meetings on behalf of the chair to help with the duties of the role. He then nominated standing Green Officer John Waterton as Chair, which was duly seconded and approved unanimously by vote. • The position of Secretary was opened to the floor, resident Laurence Duric volunteered for the role and was approved overwhelmingly by residents. • The official date for the change of officers was agreed as the final day (28th) February to allow sufficient time for handover. • Outgoing officers were thanked for their efforts.
5.	A.O.B.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents were asked whether anti-social behaviour or noise issues had been noted after a resident had expressed concern about increased numbers of events at DSG. It was noted that the type of ASB experienced throughout the lockdowns had subsided but that this was likely to be on account of the winter weather. Residents did not consider there had been any noise issues related to the club. • One member reported prowlers in the vicinity of his property every 4-6 weeks at around 2-3 a.m. It was noted that GMP crime information is discussed at ward meetings and agreed that it would be beneficial for crime data to be made available to residents and that regular police patrols would be welcome. • Residents thanked John and Mary Thomas for their continued work on Ford Lane and commended them on their level 5 'Outstanding' accreditation from the RHA and North West in Bloom.

ACTIONS

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1	To arrange a tidy-up the grassy knoll area via existing NIF	Committee
2	To consider new NIF grant applications	Residents/committee
3	To liaise with Cllr Leech for linking to Didsbury Traders WhatsApp for crime related info.	JW
4	To investigate defibrillator training	TB
5	To attend and report on ward meeting	TB
6	To facilitate handover to new chair and secretary	RDW/SP
7	To arrange next meeting	LD

The meeting closed at 8:11 p.m.