

NORWOOD GREEN BETTER PLACE CIC OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 14th March 2023, 7:30pm Norwood Green Village Hall

NGBP Directors in attendance: Jonathan Dent (Chair), Ian Woodall, Tim Booth, Marc Salama, Jo Phillips.

Apologies – Oli Cook, Andy Peers

Local representatives in attendance: Councilor Kirton, Councilor Atkinson and Councilor George Robinson

16 residents were also in attendance including Cathy from Hebden Bridge, interested in the Speed camera scheme

Also attended PC Craig Robinson and PC Sam Johnson

1 WELCOMES

1.1 The Chair, Jonathan Dent, welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for making the time to attend

1.2 Minutes proposed and seconded

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Change of name for Better Place CIC

We recently held an online vote to offer residents the opportunity to change the name of the CIC Organisation. In all 109 votes were placed and the results are as follows:-

- . Norwood Green Village Association CIC 51 Votes (46.8%)
- . Norwood Green Residents Association CIC 50 Votes (45.9%)
- . Norwood Green Better Place CIC 8 Votes (7.3%)

As a result, and in line with our Articles of Association, a directors meeting was held to pass a Special Resolution vote. The directors voted unanimously to pass a Special Resolution to change the name of the Community Interest Company to *Norwood Green Village Association Community Interest Company*.

We will now update bank account, Companies House etc to new name

2.2 Christmas Lights - Christmas Lights. The CIC is looking at the potential of

decorating the Cenotaph area, we are looking to engage with East Bierley Preservation Society who may be able to assist with some knowledge as they run their own decorations. The Cenotaph area is potentially a good place as it has power and as there is hedging, trees and lamp posts it appears to be a far easier strategic project.

2.3 CIC Directorships

At the inception of the Better Place to Live CIC it was agreed that all Directors should only have a set term of office. This was decided so that there was not a 'closed shop' and to give every Resident the opportunity to join the CIC as a director.

I have detailed the current directorship and the date whereby their term is due to end. It would be great if we could have other residents who will show a commitment to join the board. We currently have 2 spare roles in the directorship with other places coming up as detailed below.

Directors Due Resignation Date

- . Jonathan Dent September 2025
- . Ian Woodall September 2024
- . Marc Salama September 2023
- . Tim Booth September 2023
- . Andy Peers September 2023
- . Joanne Phillips September 2023
- . Oli Cook September 2025
- . If you have any interest in joining the CIC as a director, either now or in the future, please email betterplacetolive@norwoodgreen.org, or hit 'reply' to this email

2.4 Current CIC Financial Status

Current banking position stands at £7292.54. £500 has been received as a Ward Forum Grant for our Memorial Garden Project. There is still a budgeted cost outstanding from the Village Fete Road Closure of around £1500, this has been ongoing for some time, but it must remain in the books as a potential liability.

3 SPEED CAMERA UPDATES

Ian Woodhall presented slide presentation

Resident mentioned smiley face sign had gone up today on Village Street

George Robinson thanked the board on their efforts to install the cameras

4 HILLTOP GREEN PROPOSED PLAN

4.1 A proposal for area gone on to website and shown on screen, Mark Salama talked through the plan and explained the plan proposal. Confirmed we have been awarded native hedging from Woodland Trust, arriving in November. Marc asked for volunteers for a working group to help with planting in November.

Still waiting for confirmation from the council to install some steps to provide better access into, and out of, Billy Woods.

4.2 'Do Not Park on the Greens' Signs. More will be placed when the Council arrange more signs.

4.3 Proposal of improvement to Memorial Garden/Playground area continue once we can get Hill Top underway.

4.4 The Council are proposing planting Trees to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II. There is one left to plant in Norwood Green, residents to send through suggestions of where they would like this planting and type of tree. Perhaps could be part of the Memorial Garden Improvements.

4.5 Issue raised by resident that a tree had been clipped on one of the greens, reminder that residents can not cut trees on village greens.

5 FIRST AID AND DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

We now have a firm date for the first aid and defibrillator training. The St. Johns Ambulance Service have kindly offered to give demonstrations, both visually and practically.

This training will take place on Sunday 26th March 2023 in the Village Hall at 12pm.

We are unfortunately limited to 20 places and for residents of Norwood Green only. These places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. JD asked for anyone to raise their hand in the meeting of who wanted to go. 1 hand raised.

If you wish to reserve a place, please email betterplacetolive@norwoodgreen.org

6 FUNDING

Jo Phillips will take over funding and look at grants we can apply for

7 VILLAGE EVENTS

7.1 The Village Hall Trust are holding some events in the upcoming months. Saturday 8th April is the Childrens Easter Fayre, tickets are £5 and there are not many remaining.

Wednesday 12th April is the Bug Experience, once again aimed at the little ones. Tickets are £10 each and are also selling well.

The final event for the Village Hall Trust is the 'Very Royal Afternoon', this takes place on the 6th May and is to watch and celebrate the Kings Coronation. This event is now taking place in the Hall, to replace the previously thought BBQ. It was decided that the British Weather could put a bit of a dampener on an outdoor function of this Historical significance. Tickets are £15.

Kizzy and her team have put so much work into these events we urge you to support these brilliant events.

7.2 The final announcement of events is the return of the Village Fete, this is planned to take place on Sunday 27th August. We are once again looking to put together a team to put on another fantastic event. JD asked for any volunteers for the working group. Confirmed in the meeting – Tony Dack, Debbie and Roger Rustom, Chris Noakes.

AOB - Questions

Resident asked if the village clock working, as it had stopped in the snow. If it's not working clock repairer will be called.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

