

MINUTES FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MEETING ON 23RD MAY 2016

The meeting was held at the Willoughby Arms. There were 13 residents and three councillors (David Cunningham, Maria Netley and Andrea Craig) present. Di Watling chaired the meeting.

A request had been made to hold future meetings in a venue that does not serve alcohol. The Pavilion could be a possibility.

The Forum has asked Viv Evans to give a presentation on the proposed Opportunity Area on Monday 4th July at St Luke's Church. The Opportunity Area is shown on the council website and includes Canbury Gardens. We asked if could combine that presentation with a request for Viv to respond to us at that meeting on the proposed area for the Neighbourhood Forum and the draft constitution. Jonathan, Di and Howard to review documents before passing them to Viv. Targeting July to submit our formal application.

We discussed the small area in Canbury ward that has been excluded because we took the natural boundary to the south as the railway line. It was agreed to include the area so we stick to the ward boundaries. Di plans to distribute leaflets to that area first.

Now need to create a formal steering committee so we can apply for grant funding. Di was voted in as the initial Chair. Jonathan was elected Secretary. Des was elected Treasurer. These posts will be reviewed in due course. All those present volunteered to be on the committee.

Andrea raised the issue of the phone mast on St Luke's church. Davis informed the meeting that the council was consulting an expert to review the technical issues (including health).

Next meeting 4th July after Viv's presentation.