

MINUTES OF THE 2nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Of Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan held on

Thursday, 20th January 2022

Present:	John Pyle	Chairman
	Nicola Bates	
	John Tenconi	
	Andrew Tyley	
	Prof. Philip Beesley	
	Robert Bates	
	Ken Morgan	

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from James Periton, Cllr Jonathan Hulley and Nigel Moss.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the first AGM held 18th June 2020 were tentatively approved during the Forum meeting held on the 09th July 2020.

A formal resolution to approve them proposed by John Pyle, Chairman and seconded by Nicola Bates was unanimously approved.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND OVERVIEW

Chairman confirmed the year has been significantly impacted by Covid and its' restrictions and apologies were shared for the delay in holding the AGM due to mixtures of unavailability and illnesses within these unprecedented times. As a result of low funds for a period of time, focus and a lot of the year was spent seeking to raise additional funding allowing to instruct further survey work.

Chairman was pleased to report the local stakeholders who continue to support the Plan with generous donations of £5,000 from each stakeholder, these were received towards the latter half of the year from Wentworth Residents Association, Wentworth Golf Club and the European Tour.

Vote of Thanks

JP wished to thank the Directors of the Forum, Carol Manduca and Gill Morgan, for their continued support. Nicola and Robert Bates for their time and input throughout the year, and to all the Committee who have given up their valuable time to support, steer and donate towards the Plan, and for that the Chairman is very grateful.

Forum Meetings

It was confirmed there were a total of 6 bi monthly forum meetings held through the period 01st July 2020 through to 30th June 2021. All Minutes uploaded onto the website for public information and 6 core group sub Committee meetings took place.

Significant Events

29th May 2021 – Virginia Water Jumble Trail, the Neighbourhood Plan hosted a stall for the day to interact with the public and answer any questions. VVNP created a tombola on the stall and £250 was raised and banked. A very enjoyable day attended by the Mayor and MP Ben Spencer and Cllrs Jonathan Hulley and Cllr Chris Howorth.

VVNP have committed to host a stall for the Platinum Trail event for 28th May 2022 and forum members are encouraged to attend on the day to assist in the interaction with the residents and public on the day.

Sub Committee Update

History of the Village - As reported earlier 6 sub committee meetings were held throughout the year over this period the history of the village section for the Plan was drafted, with the assistance and thanks of local knowledgeable historians from Stroude Road, Judith Ball and Jill Williams

Design Codes - The process of the Design Code section was commenced, O'Neill Homer met with James Periton to focus on the design concerns and annoyances within the Estate itself. Alongside this, the beginning of the green pathways and ecology reports were started and Chairman gave thanks to Prof. Phillip Beesley who joined the forum during the year for his support and who gave immense feedback in conjunction with this section.

Consultants Update

During the year the decision was taken to cease using the support of Planning Consultant, Peter Lerner, as we needed him to give more involvement in terms of assisting to actually write the drafting of the report and give more direction, areas of which unfortunately he could not commit to.

After some deliberations and interviews with different Planning Consultants the forum decided to work with Jon Dowty of O'Neill Homer. O'Neill Homer commenced their work with Virginia Water during January 2021.

2021 Public Consultation

Public survey was undertaken in August 2020, 45 residents responded giving their opinions on their likes, dislikes and concerns within the village and its facilities. What was interesting was residents' opinions of what they classed as the centre of the village, with over 30 responses reporting, believed it to be the lake in Virginia Water park!

VWNP continue to inform residents of the village within the quarterly Wentworth Residents Association newsletter and within their annual membership pack of the stages and progress of the Plan and requesting residents reach out to the forum with feedback.

VWNP featured in the Virginia Water church magazine in 3 separate issues, advertising the forum was beginning the process of a full Plan of the entire village area.

4. Appointment of Directors

The Management Committee is made up of the following officers;

John Pyle	Chairman
Carol Manduca	Treasurer
James Periton	Secretary

JP and CM agreed to continue as Directors of VW Neighbourhood Plan CIC and were re-appointed for a further 12 months. Resignations were received from Peter Lomas in December 2020 and Gill Morgan in November 2021.

James Periton has been appointed as Secretary as from 01st January 2022 and will also become an authorised signature on the bank account, authorised signatures remain for all three Directors. The authorisation on issuing cheques from the bank account remains for 2 signatures on each payment.

5. Financial Reporting

JP confirmed as at 1st July 2021 the balance of funds held at the bank was £146.00.

Ken Morgan presented the prepared Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021. This was agreed and signed by the Chairman during the meeting. Carol Manduca also required to sign prior to being submitted to Companies House to file.

The resolution that the Virginia Water Neighbourhood Plan for the year ended 30th June 2021 be adopted was unanimously passed.

A copy of the Accounts is attached as Appendix 1.

A copy of the Income and Expenditure Statement for year ending 30 June 2021 is attached as Appendix 2.

JP to collate the VWNP members application forms.

6. Any Other Business

JT raised the matter of the Danecroft Application which had been mail dropped to some residents of Virginia Water, looking to develop a broad mix of 70 high quality homes, Danescroft are requesting residents to submit their feedback, opinions and concerns prior to them submitting an Application.

This will clearly have an impact on the village in terms of general traffic through the village, access onto Trumps Green Road and mixing with Longcross additional traffic coming down Wellington Avenue, which may heighten the importance for a Neighbourhood Plan.

Ken Morgan enquired as to the budget perceived for 2022, in which JP indicated £10,000 costs on second half of PJA report to cover the ongoing amendments and the possibility of a more detailed traffic analysis review, and a possible further £4,000 for Planning Consultancy from O'Neill Homer. JP confirmed fundraising opportunities and events to continue throughout 2022 to meet financial liabilities.

No further business was raised JP thanked all forum members for their continued support, and the meeting was closed at 16:53.