

BRIMROD, MARLAND AND SUDDEN AREA FORUM

**Thursday 31 May 2018
Brimrod Methodist Church, Roch Valley Way,
Rochdale**

MINUTES

Present: B. Hudson (Chair), F. Hamer, M. Hamer, B. Frost, D. Frost, M. Davies, R. Coles, M. Ayres, K. Huggett, K. Khan, L. Stansfield and J. Welby

Councillors: Jane Howard and Angela Smith

Officers: S. Hay (Townships, Rochdale Borough Council)

Apologies: Councillor Pat Sullivan, Bruce Goodwin, Councillor James Gartside, Dan Hall, Diane Ludwig and Glynis Crossley

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Introductions were made and all were welcomed to the meeting. Recently elected Councillor Angela Smith was congratulated and welcomed and many thanks to ex Councillor Ian Duckworth were expressed for all his hard work whilst serving the Ward.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chair referred to the code of conduct and asked all to abide by the code for the duration of the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday 8 March 2018 were agreed and the following update was given.

Fly tipping

All reported fly tipping on Holborn Street, Chelsea Street, Manchester Road and Dixon Fold was removed as there have been again numerous subsequent reports since the last meeting. Thanks were given to the Clean and Green Team for the excellent job they did in clearing up the rear of Mayfair Gardens and Finsbury Street. Many wheelie bins are still being permanently left out on Holborn Street and Diane Ludwig is still working on improving the situation.

Road surfaces

The refreshed road markings at the junction of Holborn Street and Finsbury Street are still awaited.

Cotton Lane water problem

Cotton Lane has been cleaned up and the grass cut, however, more bags of rubbish have been dumped since in and around the substation. A request to have the area cleared up will be made. No chippings have been put down as it is dry and not under water at the moment. Environmental Management will be asked to consider putting chippings down.

Roch Valley Way speed survey

The Roch Valley Way speed survey has been concluded, but the results are still not available and will be shared when published.

Holborn Street fly tipping

Diane Ludwig inspected the fly tipping in the ginnel in the vicinity of 70 Holborn Street and the massive amount on the land at the rear of that row of houses. No evidence was forthcoming and she requested the Parks and Countryside Rangers to clear up the fly tipping.

Brimrod Lane damaged grass verge

Rochdale Boroughwide Housing have inspected the grassed area on Brimrod Lane which had been seriously damaged by vehicles driving/parking on it and they have been asked to make good the area and also consider measures to either provide hard standing car parking, grasscrete or to prevent vehicles from driving on to it. The response obtained from Rochdale Boroughwide Housing as follows:

“Regarding the grassed area on Brimrod Lane brought to Brimrod, Marland and Sudden Area Forum and the problems with cars parking on the grass. I have discussed the problem with our Asset Management Team. At present we do not have any funding available for 2018/19 financial year. We feel that tenants and residents need to be consulted to consider what they would prefer to be done with this land when funding is available. Once we know this then perhaps we can tailor a solution that best suits the problem being faced. If people suggest that they want say car parking this option can be explored but as it would be by far the most expensive we cannot make any guarantees. If we need to prevent vehicular access then installing knee rail or bollards would be the best option but obviously we cannot guarantee them being damaged and the cost to repair or renew. At present the grass is effectively a recreational space. A consultation with residents will take place this year.”

Blocked drains

The blocked drains on old Manchester Road in Sudden Village were requested to be cleaned and investigated, but it was reported some are still blocked. A further request will be submitted.

4. POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

PCSO Colin Taylor submitted the following statistics from 1 February 2018 to 31 May 2018 for this area:

- Seven burglary dwellings and two commercial burglaries at Highfield Hospital where the offender was arrested and charged.
- One theft of motor vehicle, six thefts from motor vehicle and one vehicle interference.
- Six reports of anti-social behaviour where youths have been loitering in various locations and being rowdy, but all of whom made off before police arrival so no names are known.

GMP are working with Rochdale Council to secure the area off Roch Valley Way, Rochdale Riding Club where some off road bikes have been reported by local residents. Residents from two houses on Holborn Street have previously been reported to GMP for anti-social use of off road machines, but continue to use them up and down the road. GMP will be informed.

5. OPEN FORUM

Parking on upper Fishbury Street

Brimrod Primary School staff are constantly parking their vehicles on upper Finsbury Street despite having designated parking within the school boundary leaving residents unable to park near their properties. Some staff have expressed their right to park on the road which is accepted by the residents, but it is considered the situation is adversely affecting neighbourly relations with the school.

No Entry restrictions

The No Entry restriction on to Holborn Street at Finsbury Street past the school is regularly being

ignored and vehicles are often driving at speed. GMP have been asked to give it attention when possible. The No Entry into Sudden Village at Manchester Road is also being ignored and GMP will be informed.

Manchester Road carriageway condition

The main Manchester Road at Sudden on the Rochdale bound carriageway just past the bus stop and pedestrian crossing to the Tesco Store appears to be sinking and getting worse. An inspection will be requested as a priority.

Parks and Open Spaces Customer Satisfaction Survey

Following on from Rochdale Council's Refuse Collection Services Customer Satisfaction Survey in March this year, the Council's Parks and Open Spaces Customer Satisfaction Survey was explained and made available to all to complete. Several surveys were handed in at the end of the meeting.

Bramley Road and Greenvale junction Give Way

The Give Way markings at the junction of Bramley Road and Greenvale are completely worn away. Highways will be asked to reline the location.

Sudden Village entrance road markings

The road markings at both the entrance into and exit out of Sudden Village have worn away and need relining. Highways will be asked to reline the location.

Recycling bin

A resident from 110 Bolton Road has contacted the Council on several occasions to order a blue recycling bin and they have been waiting months for the bin to be supplied. Environmental Management will be asked to provide the bin as soon as available.

Manchester Road planters

Ward Councillors have funded the installation of two planters at the top end of Manchester Road and the planting of a wild flower meadow.

Ward Councillors contact details are available on the Council's website:

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6. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23 August 2018 at 6.30pm in Brimrod Methodist Church