

BRIMROD, MARLAND AND SUDDEN AREA FORUM

**Thursday 7 December 2017
Brimrod Methodist Church, Roch Valley Way,
Rochdale**

MINUTES

Present: B. Frost, D. Frost, R. Coles, K. Huggett, K. Khan, B. Goodwin, J. Roche, L. Stansfield, D. Hall and J. Welby

Councillors: Jane Howard and Pat Sullivan

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

Apologies: Councillor Ian Duckworth, Beryl Hudson, Councillor James Gartside, Shirley Marsh, Diane Lodwig, M. Davies and L. Bamford

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Introductions were made and all were welcomed to the meeting.

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 14 September 2017 were agreed and the following update was given.

Fly tipping

Holborn Street continues to be cleaned up but very recently an armchair has been dumped on Chelsea Street, two pushchairs near number 63 Holborn Street and bags of rubbish at both Manchester (Old) Road near Derrick Walker Court behind the bus stop and the bottom of Brimrod Lane opposite Brimrod Methodist Church. These sites will be cleared up. Lots of bins have been left out, after much work to clear them.

Road surfaces

Councillor Sullivan wrote to Highways about this matter and as a result, further work to improve the road surface at the junction of Holborn Street and Mayfair Gardens has been carried out. Highways have also now instructed the contractor to repaint the road markings at the junction of Holborn Street and Finsbury Street.

4. POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

A burglary operation is currently ongoing due to the increase in burglaries in the Bamford and Norden areas. Three offenders have been arrested by neighbourhood officers believed to be responsible for burglaries in Rochdale and Bury; this was a result of the deployment of The Force

helicopter.

Police urge everyone to please report any suspicious activity and to be extra vigilant over the next few weeks in the run up to Christmas.

5. NHS LOCALITY PLAN

NHS Locality Plan is still being developed and it will be reported on at a later date.

6. OPEN FORUM

Cotton Lane water problem

Cotton Lane has become saturated with pools of water in places and it is covered in wet leaves. Councillor Howard will arrange a clean-up and some chippings to be put down.

The Bamford Greenbelt Action Group

Angela Smith gave an update on The Bamford Greenbelt Action Group:

Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, has tasked out the coordination of all current and pending submissions on the use of brownfield sites and put a stop on the process until that is complete.

The Group have organised an anniversary walk to start at 10am on Saturday 20 January 2018 meeting on Bamford Green with bacon butties after. Last year's event was incredibly well attended.

Concern was expressed on the possible impact on the local roads should a proposed 419 housing development be approved in Edenfield Lancashire.

Potholes

Residents expressed concern about recent National Press reports highlighting a change in Government Policy that potholes over four centimetres deep would no longer need to be repaired within a certain time but merely investigated, whatever that means. Highways will be asked whether there are any plans to change the current Rochdale Council's policy on dealing with potholes.

Mayfair Gardens gullies

Highways will be asked to street sweep Mayfair Gardens to address the problem of leaves blocking the gullies.

Manchester Road bus lane

A request was made to find out how many Fixed Penalty Notices the enforcement camera covering the bus lane on Manchester Road had generated.

Roch Valley Way speed survey

Ward Councillors have funded and commissioned a speed survey following a number of Road Traffic Collisions at the Manchester Road end of Roch Valley Way.

Off road bikes

Greater Manchester Police identified a problem of anti-social use of off road and quad bikes using the footpath at the bottom of Bolton Road near Manchester Road. Ward Councillors have funded the installation of staggered guard rails to resolve the issue.

Bamford in Bloom

Ward Councillors have funded Bamford In Bloom which will see the installation of planters and hanging baskets to include Sudden Village shops, bulb planting and signage.

Roch Valley clean-up

Ward Councillors will arrange a clean-up and litter pick in Roch Valley at the end of January or early February 2018.

Sandy Lane junction

The junction of Sandy Lane, Bury Road and Roch Valley Way remains one of the busiest junctions in the Borough. Ward Councillors have been speaking with residents and they are championing improved pedestrian facilities. The timings of the Automated Traffic Signals are controlled centrally by Transport for Greater Manchester.

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7. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8 March 2018 at 6.30pm in Brimrod Methodist Church