

**NINTH MEETING OF THE MIRFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP AT THE OLD
COLONIAL DUNBOTTLE LANE MIRFIELD 22ND JANUARY @ 19:00 HOURS**

PRESENT

Martyn Bolt (Facilitator), Peter King, Vivien Lees-Hamilton, Leslie Peers, Christine Sykes (Note Taker) Philip Tolson, and Cheryl Tyler.

APOLOGIES Lisa Deacon, Phil Deacon, David Pinder and Phil Tyler

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cheryl Tyler Chairman of Save Mirfield

Christine Sykes Secretary of Save Mirfield

NOTES FROM MEETING HELD 23RD OCTOBER 2017

These had been circulated on-line and no disagreements had arisen

NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT PLANNER

This was perused to ensure targets were being met; and to confirm future actions. It was agreed that the group will endeavour to keep the public informed as regards the item entitled 'Engagement'. Our Facebook page would continue in use; but Mirfield Matters would also be used to ensure full community engagement. Cheryl Tyler said she would also publicise our actions on the Save Mirfield site. Martyn Bolt will alert the press as required.

Action Points

Christine Sykes to distribute the meeting notes to the Group and request feedback within one week before posting on the Mirfield Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page

Martyn Bolt to post on Mirfield Matters

Cheryl Tyler to post on Save Mirfield

MIRFIELD MATTERS SURVEY 2015

No feedback as to the analysis of this survey had been received as agreed at the last meeting. Martyn Bolt surmised that if it counts as baseline evidence; then it will be acceptable; and won't necessitate another survey

Action Points

Martyn Bolt to send electronic versions of The Mirfield Matters Residents Survey 2015, the replies and the results analysis to group members; and to Kirklees Planning Department for discussion at the meeting as per next item on the agenda.

MEETING WITH KIRKLEES

This has been arranged for Tuesday 27th March at Civic Centre 1 Huddersfield from 1-3pm. Items for the Agenda are to discuss the need for an environmental assessment; and to receive feedback on the 2015 Survey in order to decide if another survey is required.

Action Points

Those unable to attend tonight to notify Christine Sykes of their intention to attend this meeting ASAP.

Christine Sykes to notify numbers and advise Agenda items to Johanna Scrutton & Sarah Smith@KMC

KIRKLEES LOCAL PLAN

Cheryl Tyler said that the inspection was continuing. The Inspector Katie Child had raised numerous issues after Stage 1 ended in October. Stage 2 relating to Minerals, Waste Policies and Allocations was postponed to this month because the Inspector Elizabeth Hill had a bereavement. Stage 3 which was Policies on part 1 of the Plan has taken place. The final one due to start next month is site specific and is in two parts. The Huddersfield area will be examined first, then Dewsbury & Mirfield. Cheryl will attend that hearing with the experts employed by Save Mirfield. However she will also attend on 20th February when safeguarded land issues will be discussed for Huddersfield so that she can be forewarned. She said that it was likely to be very busy and discussion will be restricted, so it has been important to ensure that the Hearing Statements are fully detailed. Save Mirfield is using a Planning Lawyer to collate all the information submitted by the Highways & Planning Consultants.

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Phil Tolson asked why we couldn't use one already submitted for the Local Plan. Cheryl Tyler said that the Local Plan Inspector had commented that there weren't enough Environmental Assessments.

AOB

Martyn Bolt commented that whilst it was important to maintain numbers in the Group, it could prove disadvantageous to take on new members who might want to go back on old ground. Christine Sykes said that experts could be invited as required and mentioned that she had been speaking to Eric Brown the Oakwell Hall Head Ranger who was a regular attendee during the Mirfield Design Statement meetings when he was a Ranger for the Kirklees Countryside Unit.

Viv Lees-Hamilton told the group that Kirklees had again employed Rangers who could be called upon to resolve issues like fly tipping. Referrals could be made to her, and she would forward them accordingly.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 27th March at Civic Centre 1 Huddersfield from 1-3pm