



**OVER HULTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 7PM – 9PM**  
**MINUTES – 27 MARCH 2018**

**VENUE : ST ANDREW’S CHURCH, CRESCENT AVENUE, OVER HULTON, BOLTON**

<b>Committee :</b>	<b>Councillor Diane Parkinson</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
	<b>Nykola Taylor</b>	<b>Deputy Chair</b>
	<b>Carolyne Bevis</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
	<b>Mark Bevis</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
Agenda :	7.00pm	Welcome address, update on formalities
	7.15pm	Introduction to Committee Members
	7.30pm	Chairman’s Report & Next Steps
	8.00pm	Member’s interactive session
	8.15pm	Member’s Question Time
	8.30pm	Finish

	<b><u>Member’s Attendance</u></b> 12 full members attended (voting rights)		7 non members attended (non voters)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mrs Valerie Andrews</li> <li>2. Mr Noel Fitzgerald</li> <li>3. Miss Laura Foster</li> <li>4. Dr Emma Gardner</li> <li>5. Mr Geoff Hamlett</li> <li>6. Mr Brian Hanaghan</li> <li>7. Mrs Denise Hanaghan</li> <li>8. Mrs Mary Harrow</li> <li>9. Mr Paul Haworth</li> <li>10. Mrs Jacqueline Parkinson</li> <li>11. Mr Michael Partington</li> <li>12. Mrs Denise Sullivan</li> </ol>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mrs Margaret Farrell</li> <li>2. Mrs Patricia Matthews</li> <li>3. Mrs Sylvia Webber</li> <li>4. Mrs Catherine Colins</li> <li>5. Mr Chris Sweet</li> <li>6. Mrs Donna Sweet</li> <li>7. Councillor Toby Hewitt</li> </ol>

## **COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS**

### **Nykola Taylor – Deputy Chair**

I have lived in Atherton adjacent to Park End Farm all my life with a few exceptions for university and work. Around ten years ago I moved to Over Hulton into the winch winders cottage on Manchester Road. The house was formerly grade II listed but is currently a blue plaque property. I helped start Heart when Peel applied to site 11 turbines behind my house near the Toughheet premises. I then transferred to the Neighbourhood Forum when I became aware of the legal standing that it would afford. I am passionate about preserving the environmental and social history of the area and believe that as Hulton Park is designated as greenbelt this should be respected and upheld regardless.

### **Mark Bevis – Treasurer**

My responsibility on the Committee is to oversee the Committee's financials and to keep track of monies that are received and spent in accordance with the neighbourhood Planning policy and to provide an update at each Committee meeting on the status of our account.

I am Westhoughton born and bred and moved to Over Hulton once I married Carlyne Bevis. I got involved with Heart originally with the planning turbines on land near to our property and from these discussions I expressed an interest in joining the group. The small part I play in the neighbourhood planning process ensures I get a say in shaping the community in which I live which hopefully will make a difference.

### **Carolyne Bevis – Secretary**

My responsibility as secretary on the Committee is to ensure the planning process is properly organised, minutes and actions of our meetings are typed up of key decisions and uploaded to the website for our members. Organisation of meetings and venues, member's letters, GDPR and email updates and maintaining all filing systems.

I have lived in Over Hulton all of my life as well as 3 other generations of my family and have connections to the Hulton dynasty. My mother lives in the property that I believe was the stables for Sir Geoffrey Hulton's ancestor's. My great-great grandfather worked for the Hulton family in the 1800's and my great-grandfather was a Manager at the Pretoria Pit who assisted on the day of the disaster for which he won a bravery award which is displayed at Westhoughton library.

I am married to Mark and our first home was at Cornwall Avenue moving after 4 years to Manchester Road, Over Hulton in the property I live at now adjacent to entrance of the footpath to the Hulton Estate near to Chequebent. I originally joined HEART when the planning was lodged to install turbines off Syndale Way and during these discussions we thought it was a good idea to form the OHNF and start a neighbourhood plan.

### **Treasurer's Report**

In the year since the inaugural AGM, the Over Hulton Neighbourhood Forum has had limited funding and limited spend as the focus on the Forum has been getting designated. Much of the work has been undertaken by volunteers, therefore no professional fees have been paid.

Items purchased to date include liability insurance, vouchers/awards for the logo competition and the website domain. These have been funded by our members who have made donations to cover these amounts directly. A bank account has been set up with Lloyds Bank, with three signatories from the Committee. The account currently has a balance of £0.

We have applied for a grant of £360 from groundworks and was received on 3.4.2018 which will cover some publicity materials to help us spread the word what the Neighbourhood Forum is trying to achieve and to reach new members.

The new funding cycle for 2018-2022 has now been announced. Locality will continue to deliver the Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme over the next four years, from 2018-2022. The programme builds on the 2015-18 programme and any support that you have previously received will be taken in to account. The programme will provide anyone working on a neighbourhood plan with support from the Locality team, AECOM and other partners/specialists through:

- a basic grant of up to £9,000
- additional grants for eligible groups with an extra £8,000 (find out more about additional grant criteria here)
- technical support through expert partners AECOM and other specialists

We will be applying for the new grant once our end of cycle funding report has been submitted for the £360 we are about to receive.

Through 2018, we will also be exploring additional funding options, and may also host some fundraising activities. It is anticipated that we will apply for the full £9,000 from the new cycle which will predominantly be spend on experts to help us develop the plan.

The OHNP Accounts were ratified and approved by all members in attendance

### **Chairman's Report**

The report was approved by unanimous show of hands.

### **Voting in of Committee Members**

Unanimous show of hands by all members that they were satisfied with the current Committee structure as follows:

Diane Parkinson – Chair

Nykola Taylor – Deputy Chair

Carolyne Bevis – Secretary

Mark Bevis – Treasurer

### **What is a Neighbourhood Plan Video**

A 5 minute short video was played to members that explained the Neighbourhood Planning process.

### **MEMBER'S INTERACTIVE SESSION**

Members were asked for their thoughts around the following topic areas. Post it notes were used for their comments. The residents comments will be used in the OHNF Plan as part of our engaging with the community.

Topics Were:

- 1. Business & Employment
- 2. Infrastructure
- 3. Other Miscellaneous areas of concern
- 4. Ecology / Agriculture
- 5. Environment / Green Spaces / Local Environment
- 6. Community Vision
- 7. Heritage Identity
- 8. Housing

### **Member's Question Time :**

Questions were raised by residents around the following:

1. The last minute amendment to the planning application and what this application entailed. DP advised that questions are being asked on the planning process of this application and the next steps were to lobby the Secretary of State for him to call a public inquiry.

2. Children in the Over Hulton area are being told that a road is going to be built right through their playing field causing unrest.
3. Residents feel a sense of dissatisfaction and unfair process over the planning to decide on the future of Hulton Park. It was noted that with Councillor Cliff Morris walking out of the Committee whether this was unlawful and not voting.
4. Residents asked how much weight would the OHNP have against the planning application.
5. Timelines to lobby Secretary of State?
6. One member spoke about contacting the 17 local golf courses and also spoke to PGA for their opinions whether it was likely Bolton would be awarded 2026 Ryder Cup.
7. Timelines for the OHNF to produce their plan. It was thought between 9 – 12 months.
8. A member asked DP to find out if Article 12 that was ratified by Bolton Council some years ago was still valid which was around safeguarding of young children in the Bolton area which gave them a voice. The member was curious whether the Bill was still active or whether it had lapsed.

### **AOB**

There was no AOB items submitted

The members were thanked for their participation and support and the meeting adjourned.

### **Next Meeting**

TBC