

Meeting of the Interim Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum at Paxton Hall on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at 7:30pm

Minutes

Present: (20) Naomi Batten, Wendi Carson, Sam Clarke, Isobel Foki, Steve Gradys, Alba Grationi, Carlos Grationi, Madge Hague, Steve Harris, John Illingworth, Rita Lee, Stuart Long, Joan Midgley, Dean Mitchell, Peter Owen, Michael Park, Claire Rose, Katherine Smith, Fiona Venner and one other.

Apologies: (10) Graham Bellamy, Sue Brear, Daniel Lipzith, Mandy Long, Sam Meadley, Jude Smith, Ken Waterworth, Sheila Waterworth, Mike Winter, Lucinda Yeadon.

In attendance: Ian MacKay (LCC Planning Department)

Members introduced themselves to each other and Michael Park was elected as the Interim Chair.

The minutes of the meetings held on 18 March and 19 May 2015 were accepted as a correct record and there were no matters arising.

Progress Report: After the meeting on 19 May a draft constitution was circulated to everybody who had expressed an interest. Some feedback was received and a revised version was prepared on 25 June. This was re-circulated to all contacts inviting people to sign up as Founder Members. Sixty eight people added their names to the list and Michael Park (Burley Top CA) submitted an application to register the Forum on 27 July.

Ian MacKay reported on subsequent events: The application was advertised by the Council on 21 August and the Public Consultation will close on 2 October 2015. Registration normally followed after 2 – 3 weeks, but in our case the boundary dispute with Headingley Forum might cause a small additional delay. He explained that 34 groups in Leeds were now engaged on various stages of the Neighbourhood Planning process. This total was among the highest in the country.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.