

**Prestwich Village Neighbourhood Forum**  
**Minutes for Management Team meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

**Attendees:**

Steve Devine (SD) (Vice Chair)  
Jonathan Towers (JT) (Secretary)  
Steve Wright (SW) (Treasurer)  
Gill Boyle (GB)  
Anne Clarke (AC)  
Tod Petrov (TP)  
Andrew Levy (Incredible Edible)

**Apologies:**

Carol Baker-Longshaw (CBL) (Chairperson)

1. PVNF MT welcomed Andrew Levy who attended the first part of the meeting to introduce Incredible Edible to the forum and explain the work that is being done in and around Prestwich. The focus was on finding and promoting new public sites for the right to grow edible produce.
2. GB advised how the emerging NP split the green spaces into two categories, one of which being community amenity spaces. PVNF could potentially use Incredible Edible's work as a good example of how sites selected in this category could be utilised. It would be possible for other projects to share sites (for example the work that PEF undertake to improve local green spaces for the enjoyment of others, with planters to grow produce by IE). It would be possible to combine edible planting with other plants and shrubs to increase biodiversity etc.
3. GB provided a brief update on work which is ongoing to write the NP. GB advised that it may be possible to get a draft of the NP ready for review as early as the end of May. A meeting with the NP sub group is required to focus on mapping and diagrams to accompany the written element of the plan. GB also advised that the draft of the Bury local plan was now available to review and PVNF should help to publicise this via facebook.

**Action – CBL to add sub group meeting to May agenda and post to facebook regarding Bury Local Plan,**

4. GB provided feedback on a virtual meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> April) attended by GB and CBL and David Wiggins and Natalie Blackston of BMBC relating to the Design Code developed by PVNF. It was agreed that PVNF can now publish the Design Code on the website and facebook and acknowledge it in social media posts. BMBC have agreed to publish the Design Code on their website aslo, timeframe TBC

**Action – SD to upload/publish Design Code to website, JT/CBL to add to facebook and send out social media posts to advise public.**

5. AC provided feedback on a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March with Whitefield & Prestwich Walk Ride, Mums for Lungs, PEF and PVNF to discuss the emerging NP and to engage and get input from these groups on the draft plan. The meeting was very useful and it was agreed that a follow up meeting would be arranged for later in the year, once a draft NP has been written.

**Action – AC to write up and issue minutes/ actions of the meeting.**

6. It was agreed that the ongoing review of the CIC application could not be discussed in this meeting due to absences. To be rolled over to the May agenda.

**Action – CBL to add to May agenda, AR to provide update at next meeting.**

**Previous actions outstanding:**

**Action – AR to write new constitution and review with MT**

**Action – AR to circulate digital form for signing by directors**

**Action – SW to write cheque/ transfer money as required**

**Action – AR to submit completed application**

7. It was agreed that the creation of a PVNF logo could not be discussed in this meeting due to absences. To be rolled over to the May agenda.

**Action – CBL to add to May agenda, AR to provide update at next meeting.**

8. Clough day is fast approaching (Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May). A meeting/video call will be required to help plan for the event and volunteers will be required.

**Action – JT to send out request for volunteers on WhatsApp and arrange organisation meeting.**

**Action – JT to contact organiser and pay for table/chair hire and secure plot.**

A.O.B

It was suggested that we contact Troy and ask about the minimum number of votes required for valid referendum. Also, to contact BMBC and ask about a likely referendum date and to ensure that this does not clash with the Council elections.

Next meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm, Crooked Man.