

CHELLASTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting – Monday 4th April.

Meeting started at 7.47pm.

Chairperson – John Bowden

Apologies – Cllr Paul Willitts (due to council committee business)

Also present – Emma Daniels & Adrian Gasgoyne – Derbyshire Police

- Thelma Bradshaw - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
- 54 local residents

Review of 2005 AGM as minutes were unavailable, accepted as an accurate account.

Chairperson's report :

CRA have been very active this year.

Campaign to stop Vodafone from erecting a mast outside the Red Lion on Derby Road was unsuccessful in that the mast is in place. However due to the CRA's high profile activities a number of concessions were granted – the mast will be turned at an angle not pointing directly at the school as presently installed, if this is technically feasible. Vodafone have also agreed to monitor radiation levels. The CRA is also hopeful that other companies will not be so eager to site masts here knowing the level of public opinion against it and the negative publicity which will ensue.

The weight restriction on the A514 is now in place. Some vehicles are still coming through but this is being monitored and operators breaking the restriction are being contacted. Most of these seem to have been unaware of the new rules and so it is hoped that as awareness grows then the road will become safer and more pleasant for the people of Chellaston.

New projects planned by the CRA for 2006.

A regeneration project for the recreation field to include a play area, teenage shelters & landscaping. The CRA are to investigate funding sources for this initiative. (Thanks due to Colette Harvey who has been pushing this along).

Consultation with Derby City Council re priorities for traffic measures.

Approximately 15 improvements are under consideration and so far there is a new crossing outside the church on High St, and parking restrictions on Maple Drive near the Junior School. Consultation continues and it is hoped that other measures will shortly be implemented.

The CRA have been consulting the Arriva regarding the changed bus services in Chellaston for a number of months. It is hoped that this consultation will continue solving some of the problems with transport services in the area. Arriva were invited to send a representative to the AGM but declined. There is a meeting planned in the near future with Arriva, JB asked for any questions from local residents be directed to him, in order that they be asked at the meeting.

The CRA are now on-line. Address is www.chellaston.org.uk Comments and contributions from residents and sponsorship from local businesses would be most welcome.

The Chairman thanked everyone on the committee for their effort which had made it such a year of achievement. Phil Ingall has resigned from the CRA committee. He is to stand for local council in the May elections. He was thanked for his hard work as committee member wished much luck in his bid to become a councillor.

There are vacancies for new committee members, JB asked that interested parties contact him.

The treasurers report was submitted for inspection by residents. Present funds amount to £338.36. A collection was made to add to the funds.

JB proposed that the present committee be returned for a further year. Residents voted unanimously and this motion was carried.

Cllr Mark Tittley at this point paid tribute to the work of the CRA on the achievement of the weight restriction on the A514.

At this point the AGM was ended.

There the followed a presentation by Thelma Bradshaw with the backing of the local police on the role of Neighbourhood watch and its close links with the Police. Information and advice on how to set up a group was given at the meeting and 2 telephone numbers were given for interested parties to contact – Thelma Bradshaw 572558; Police HQ on Tuesdays and Thursdays 613043.

This was followed by a lengthy question & answer session between members of the panel & local residents. Subjects raised were -

Recent problems where a number of youths caused problems in the local area and how this could be avoided in the future. The possibility of CCTV in Chellaston as in Allenton was suggested. Tesco is already going to put one up. Question asked – are the youths local? It was confirmed that they are. Insp. Gascoyne said that the police had received intelligence about the gang(s) of

youths in Chellaston last Friday and had put a large number of police in to the area to quell any disturbance. It was not known whether this was a one-off. A question was asked whether the dispersal order could be re-instated. There had been a lot of petty incidents on Station Road and the police were asked what they were doing about it. Insp. Gascoyne said that crime was declining in Chellaston, but the police still needed information. One resident said the police were not interested when incidents were reported.

Problems with local bus services particularly in West Chellaston; why can Arriva set up and re-route services with no consultation with the local community? Why had there been no consultation on the positioning of bus stops?

Ideas for funding local initiatives, e.g. The Guinness Trust's Dreamscheme which encourages local young people to contribute to the local community and to be rewarded in any number of ways for doing this.

Problems with litter near to local schools.

The suggestion of a path across the field linking West Chellaston to Parkway. Cllr M. Tittley and Phil Ingall are working on this.

High St parking problems.

The suggestion of a new youth club in Chellaston.

Concerns for local trees and wildlife if the old Derby Canal is restored. It is thought that it will take a considerable time for this project to come to fruition. The CRA might invite the Canal Trust to speak at next year's forum.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm with JB thanking everyone for their attendance.