

Chellaston Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2007 in the Community Centre

Present: John Bowden (Chairman), Ian Colder (Secretary), Dean Pearse, Keerthi Devendra, Cllr Harvey Jennings, Mitch Woodward.

Apologies: Linda Winter

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.55pm by welcoming Cllr Jennings and congratulating him on his recent success.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as being a true representation. The only matters arising from the previous minutes not covered on the agenda related to the A514 monitoring of HGVs. It was confirmed that a monitoring day would be carried out in the near future.

Action: DP/IJC

Concern was expressed at the lack of prohibition notices on the A50, which is the responsibility of the Highways Agency. Letter to be sent to Mark Todd to ask for Agency clarification.

Action: JB

The Chairman asked for feedback regarding the AGM. It was unanimous that the major problem was the early departure of a large proportion of the audience. This was due to the enforced last minute change of agenda. It was suggested that a raffle could be held, but this had been used before and caused problems at the end of the evening. It was accepted that the Association should have more publicity and MW agreed to design a promotional leaflet.

Action: MW

School admissions policy: It was confirmed that Chellaston School has proposed the lottery as the option to be adopted in the case of oversubscription. South Derbyshire has indicated that it will object. If this is the case, it was agreed that the Association should also object, in order to redress the balance.

Action: JB

HJ said that all Chellaston councillors are working together to find a long term solution to the problem.

KD pointed out that the oversubscription problem also exists in the primary schools. Homefields only takes children from west Chellaston and the Junior School is full.

Recreation Ground: Linda Winter to be asked to move this forward and arrange meeting within two weeks.

Action: JB

Law and order issues: IJC gave overview of meeting with Inspector Slack, where it was recommended that the private company, Enthusiasm should be contracted to work with the community to alleviate anti-social behaviour. It was accepted that this should be progressed, but concern was expressed regarding the cost and the question of funding. JB to approach community representatives to determine effectiveness in Allenton and Alvaston.

Action: JB

Letter from Association to be sent to HJ requesting that an Alcohol Free Zone should be set up in Chellaston to reduce alcohol related behaviour.

Action: JB

MW said that priority should be given to installation of CCTV. Funding and monitoring are key issues. Feasibility to be explored with council officials.

Action: HJ

Clean Up day: Mark Tittley has reported that the council is unwilling to underwrite insurance risks associated with this event. Disappointment was expressed,

particularly since that this was a council inspired initiative. Since there is some risk inherent in the collection of rubbish, it was decided to postpone the event. Representatives from Spondon, who organise similar events, to be contacted for advice.

Action: HJ

Cassiopea: KD reported that the Junior School are prepared to have the measuring equipment on their property, but the Council is unwilling to publish the measurement results on their website. Council officer to be contacted to determine whether this can be resolved.

Action: IJC

Website: Site traffic continues to be encouraging. New additions to be incorporated as time permits.

Other business:

Itinerants on Snelsmoor Lane: HJ talking to Insp. Slack and Council Legal Dept.

Public enquiry on new housing: Boulton Moor is the preferred option from the five proposed. Joint approach from the City Council and South Derbyshire to be employed with regard to the planning aspect. 1000+ homes are proposed, although it is thought that this will eventually approach 1800. A new infants' school will be built.

West Chellaston: Councillors are pressing for more amenities.

HJ reported that he is attending a meeting with Arriva on May 25th.

Mitch Woodward was welcomed as a new committee member.

Future meetings: Scheduled dates for committee meetings are:

2007:

Sept 3rd

Nov 12th

2008:

Jan 7th

Mch 3rd

AGM Mch 31st

Meeting closed at 10.40pm