

CHELLASTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

CHELLASTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 8.1.07, 7.45

It has been pointed out that the previous version of these minutes which was posted on our web-site contained inaccuracies and/or misrepresentations. Firstly, Angela Monk is a governor at Chellaston School, not a representative of Derby LEA. Secondly, although the LEA may want the school to expand, it is unlikely to force it to do so, due to financial constraints. However £150m may be available in the future for this type of expansion.

Present: John Bowden (Chair), John Crone, Ian Colder, Dean Pearce, Bryan Radford, Trish Radford, Andrew Winson, Keerthi Devendra, Linda Winter, Cllr Mark Tittley, Angela Monk.

Apologies: Pete Steed, Linda Steed.

Chellaston School: Governors are proposing to base selection on a lottery in the event of over-subscription. JC said such a policy was likely to be adopted after consultation with LEA and adjacent/feeder schools. The expected peak in applications is expected in 2009 – how reliable are the forecasts? It is possible that the LEA might wish to ask the school to expand provision, however the problem is with communal facilities not just classrooms. It was suggested that an extra floor on the school would provide increased capacity but JC thought this would not be possible as the original buildings had not been designed to take an extra floor. A survey could be carried out but would money be forthcoming for this if Merrill College was under-subscribed? The possibility of land at the side of the Catholic Church being sold to the school for expansion was raised, but recent information suggests that the church may not be keen to sell it. The best solution would be for (probably) the County to build an additional school for the new developments. MT said about 750 children initially would be needed to make such a project viable. JB said it was the CRA's intention to have another public meeting now the school governors have made their decision, and it would be best to combine this with the AGM (March 26), this was agreed.

Chellaston Recreation Field – We have £2700 in donations and we need to get to a point where the youth shelter could go up to show we've done something. Parks seem to have moved on to other things. LW/DP to set up meeting. MT said there was little point in meeting Sue Phillips, he would set up a meeting with Steve Medlock and Alan Graves.

Neighbourhood Watch – no progress.

Vodafone – CJS will after all accommodate the Cassiopea unit, after intervention by KD.

Traffic Review – Tesco's is still a trouble-spot. MT has spoken to them but situation has reverted after improving. Also there are non-Tesco deliveries which they may have less control over.

Lorries still ignoring the weight restriction, this will be taken up with Sam Slack.

High Trees Health Centre – letter written but all members are also patients so not easy to send. Spoke to PCT who were not willing to divulge information about discussions they had had with the practice and suggested we speak to practice directly.

Police – drug-dealing is occurring openly outside Tesco's. We will invite Sam Slack to our next committee meeting.

AGM – Mar 26 – MT to request attendance of LEA.

Next Meeting: Feb 26.