

## **Chellaston Residents' Association**

### Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at Chellaston Community Centre

Present: John Bowden (Chairman), Ian Colder (Secretary), John Crone (Treasurer), Keerthi Devendra, Mitch Woodward, Cllr. Mark Tittley.

Apologies for absence: Linda Winter, Andrew Winson.

The meeting was opened at 7.55pm

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

Item from previous minutes, not covered by agenda: Linda Winter to speak to her committee regarding the feasibility of a Clean Up day.

Chairman's Report: JB reported successes in the agreement to build a library and the increased police presence, resulting in lower crime figures, but he was disappointed with the movement of resources away from the village centre.

Cllr. Tittley reported that the Alcohol Free Zone would be in place by the end of February and that the Youth Club would open on Friday evenings from mid January. A Youth Forum will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Doctors' Surgery in Manor Road: The proposed relocation to west Chellaston is classified by the Primary Care Trust (PCT) as "a minor relocation". The existing facilities are deemed "not suitable for the medium / long term". JB to write to PCT expressing concern at potential loss of the surgery in the village centre. Copies to be sent to Mark Todd MP and Cllr. Tittley. ACTION: JB

Red Lion public house: This building was boarded up a while ago and remains empty, and has the problems associated with such a situation. About 18 months ago it is understood that a developer enquired regarding demolition and erection of elderly persons' residences. Since it is in such a prominent position, it was decided that JB should ask Chris Williamson and Jonathan Guest of the City Council what measures can be taken to avoid further deterioration and bring about a speedy sale of the premises. Copy to be sent to Cllr. Tittley ACTION: JB

It is also rumoured that the British Legion, Lawns and other buildings on that plot of land could be demolished to make way for apartments. Cllr Tittley confirmed that the Council had been tentatively approached by a developer of assisted living accommodation regarding the site. He emphasised that the approach had only been to 'test the water'.

Public opinion to be sought regarding the loss of facilities in the centre by means of a Saturday morning data gathering operation and/or website poll. This action to be deferred to next meeting, considering closeness of Christmas.

Community forum: The Chellaston forum will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Considering the poor turnout at Shelton Lock, it was decided to help with publicity via laminated posters around the area.

ACTION: JB/IJC

Schools Admissions: JC reported that the entire September intake had been accommodated and the LEA sees no problem for the coming years. With regard to expansion on the school site, Cllr Tittley

has had a meeting regarding the commercial development of unused school land in return for addition buildings. Since these negotiations are at an early stage, it is inappropriate to comment at this time. There appears to be a delay with S106 money from Melbourne, which has been earmarked for the Arts and Music block extension. There are no more details available at the moment.

Keerthi Devendra stated that he intends to apply for the vacancy of Parent Governor. The CRA will give KV its full backing if he proceeds with this.

Law and Order: There was no information available regarding CCTV bracket installation. This to be followed up with Cllr Jennings. ACTION: IJC

The Dispersal Order ends this month and will not be renewed, since it has had a six month run.

Recreation Ground: Cllr Tittley is chasing the Parks Dept. E-mail to be sent to MT asking him to expedite this project, since sponsors expect to see progress. ACTION: IJC

A50 signage/A514 HGV restrictions: The Highways Agency wants £100k to upgrade the signing on the A50. The idea of adhesive signs on existing has been rejected by the HA. JB to write to Mark Todd MP asking that the HA consider erection of supplementary signage. ACTION: JB  
There will be a delay of around a year for the commencement of the T12, so we are now looking at Spring 2009 earliest.

Promotional Material: MW has various drafts that he will bring to the next meeting. ACTION: MW

Cassiopea: IJC and Cllr Tittley to meet with Chris Williamson and Julian DeMowbray next Friday (16<sup>th</sup>) regarding their refusal to host Vodafone's data.

Boulton Moor: Cllr Tittley confirmed that a new housing estate on Boulton Moor is the preferred option from those under consideration, but no firm decision has yet been made.

West Chellaston: The BBC programme has already been transmitted. MW to try to obtain copy. ACTION: MW

Website: IJC reported that the website continued to attract a good number of hits. Payments are due in February for domain name registration and hosting costs.

Prescription collection/delivery: It is unlikely that funding will be available from the PCT. It was suggested that this be passed on to Voluntary Services. Cllr Jennings will be asked if he has approached the local chemists. ACTION: IJC

AOB: It was reported that Eastern Europeans are being housed in Showhomes in west Chellaston. The validity of this claim is unsure.

Date of next meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Scheduled meetings:

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 with the AGM 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

Meeting closed at 10.10pm

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