

Chellaston Residents' Association

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th July 2008 at Chellaston Community Centre

Present: John Bowden (Chairman), Ian Colder (Secretary), Keerthi Devendra (part), Gary Crisp, Richard Johnson, Alan Pitcher, Simon Barnes, Debbie Scoffin (part) Hallie Joynes (part), Samantha Crossley, Gemma Jones (part), Cllr Harvey Jennings, Cllr Matthew Holmes.

Apologies for absence: John Crone, Linda Winter, Cllr. Phil Ingall, Trish Radford, Bryan Radford, Andy Palmer

The meeting was opened at 7.55pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting (12th May 2008) were accepted as a true record.

Items outstanding from previous meetings:

Promotional material (MW)

Vodafone/Cassiopea: IJC has attempted repeatedly to contact Prof Mike Greenwood, but calls and e-mails have not been answered. Vodafone has also not received a reply. It is to be assumed that the University are not interested in taking part in this project.

Student photographer – IJC to follow up.

Children's Centre at the Junior School – KD reported that the Junior School is bidding to build a Children's Centre, although other sites are being considered. The Junior School is prepared to provide some of the funding and completion would be hoped for in 2010. If successful, the centre will aim at the 0-19 year age group and will be available to all. JB wondered if the centre could be integrated with the new doctors' facilities, but it was felt that this would be fine for a conventional Children's Centre, which caters for the 0-5 year range, but not for the extended age group being considered. Since DS and H Joynes are looking at facilities for young in Chellaston, they were requested to supply KD with a wish list. ACTION: DS/H Joynes

Chairman's Report:

John Bowden said that the main issues are the T12, association with the Neighbourhood Board and the proposed Funday, being organised by DS/H Joynes, all of which are on the agenda.

Chellaston Funday:

East Chellaston Residents, headed by DS/H Joynes are organising a Funday on Sunday 17th August on Chellaston Park. The purpose of the day is to encourage residents to air their views on a range of topics – young people, anti-social behaviour, facilities etc., - whilst having fun. It is proposed that the CRA will have an information stand, together with a fun theme. It was suggested that the Messenger free newspaper could be used for advertising the event and posters could be put up a week before the Funday.

JB is investigating the provision of transport from the village centre with Arriva.

Business Park/T12:

The public exhibition had been held on the 29th/30th June and had attracted over 300 visitors, a number far in excess of that expected for such an event. The majority of attendees had welcomed the prospect of the business park, but deplored the prospect of HGVs and increased general traffic within metres of housing and play areas. GC pointed out that the business park had both increased in size and change of use since the conception fifteen years ago.

HJ said that a 30mph speed limit and fencing would be pressed for, but the committee was unanimous that the route of the T12 should be changed, rather than cosmetic changes to the existing road. GC said that delay would be expensive for the developer. He estimated that a 3 month delay would cost £4m, a figure far in excess of the cost of a re-routing of the single carriageway section.

Both the Councillors agreed to approach the Head of Planning.

ACTION: HJ/MH

They recommended that a member of the CRA table questions at the full Council meeting, which is believed to be scheduled for September.

ACTION: JB/GC

RJ to modify his letter of objection and send to JB who will forward to Jonathan Guest, Lucy Care and Wilson Bowden on behalf of the CRA.

ACTION: RJ/ JB

Members were reminded that comments must be received by the developers by 11th June.

Other related issues:

Rat running through the estate. This would impact the whole estate, particularly Parkway, ultimately resulting in problems within the village centre. IJC pointed out that by rerouting the road, leaving the existing single carriageway as a service road for the estate, would reduce the risk of rat running.

Sinfin Moor Lane: It was requested that confirmation be sought that Sinfin Moor Lane would not be opened to through traffic. HJ agreed to contact the Planning Dept to seek reassurance. ACTION: HJ

Supplementary Planning Document:

The proposal that the CRA champion this project will be tabled at the Neighbourhood Board on Thursday 10th July.

Youth Shelter:

JB to e-mail Steve Medlock (Parks Dept) regarding timing for installation of the youth shelter on the recreation ground. ACTION: JB

Power Outages:

AP had received fault reports from Eon regarding recent power outages in Chellaston. Eon claimed that the problems were not related to one another. HJ thought that the problem was a nationwide one, with insufficient network capacity. IJC thought that the problems lay with a faulty insulator, since the problems occurred during wet weather.

Proposed all weather pitches at Chellaston School:

Residents close to the proposed site fear that there will be increased noise and light pollution. HJ has a meeting with the school on Wed 9th July. ACTION: HJ

Alan Pitcher and Gary Crossley both expressed interest in becoming full committee members. They were duly elected.

Date of next meeting: 1st September

Dates for future meetings:

3rd November

5th January 2009

2nd March

30th March AGM?

It is envisaged that additional interim meetings will be required to discuss the issues presently ongoing.

Meeting closed at 10.25pm