

Chellaston Residents' Association

Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd March 2009 at Chellaston Community Centre

Present: John Bowden (Chairman) [JB], Ian Colder (Secretary) [IJC], Alan Pitcher [AP], Keerthi Devendra [KD] Phil Bailey [PJB]..

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Jennings, Holmes and Ingall, Gary Crisp

The meeting was opened at 7.55pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting (5th January 2009) were accepted as a true record, subject to a minor typographical amendment.

Chairman's Report:

Due to work commitments, JB had not been able to carry out all the actions from the previous meeting. He said that he would endeavour to complete these within the next week.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer was not at the meeting, but Derby City Council has asked for the money for the Youth Shelter. We have £3700 for this, but this will not cover the full cost. It is believed that the East Midlands Airport funding has been lost, but this will be left with the Council to pursue, if they wish to.

Promotional Material:

AP will take some High resolution photographs for the promotional material and website. PJB suggested that headed notepaper could be 'watermarked' with an appropriate scene. IJC agreed to send any photos that we already have taken. AP remarked that Chellaston is mentioned in Wikipedia. He said that he would enter the CRA's details, including a hyperlink to our website.

ACTION: AP

Children's Centre:

KD gave an update on the progress. The Council are in the process of applying for planning permission. It is proposed to build the centre, which will be run by the Council, within the Chellaston Junior School grounds, the land being leased for a nominal sum. Completion is hoped for Q2 2010. The problem with parking has been resolved by providing spaces in front of the building. There will be no kitchen facility. A parents' open day is being planned for consultation.

Supplementary Planning Document:

PJB and IJC had a meeting in the previous week with the committee of the Chellaston History Society. They are keen to support this project and have promised to provide us with information regarding covenants, background information, general history details and the identification of buildings of interest.

Recent correspondence from the Planning Dept has suggested that they are not as keen to accept an SPD as they initially intimated. They were due to present our proposals to the Cabinet in February, but this has not happened. JB is to write to Paul Clarke expressing our disappointment as to the lack of progress on their part and is to meet with the three Councillors when a reply is received. Meanwhile, it was resolved to continue with the project, taking it directly to the full Council, if necessary.

ACTION: JB

All Weather Sports Pitches (AWP):

A meeting was arranged with the school to express the fears of the local residents, but they were adamant that the fears had been overplayed and the pitch would go ahead as planned when permission was given. Indeed, at the Planning Committee held on 26th February, permission was unanimously granted. PJB, who is working as an independent consultant to the action group, said that the residents were looking at what course of action is available to them. They plan to hold a meeting on 3rd March. PJB reiterated that 177 people had objected to the proposal and the Council had totally ignored their views.

T12:

There had been no communication from Wilson Bowden regarding the meeting that they had promised to hold with the CRA earlier in the year. JB to write to them.

ACTION: JB

Annual General Meeting:

It was proposed that the meeting be held in the Community Centre at 8pm on Monday, 30th March 2009, subject to the availability of the Centre. IJC to check with Linda Winter.

ACTION: IJC

Phil Bailey to present the SPD project and Andrew Mellors is to be approached to talk about the work of the Neighbourhood Board.

ACTION: IJC

Since PowerPoint presentations will be used by both speakers, projector and screens are required. JB said that he could provide these and AP said that he could also obtain a screen.

ACTION: JB/AP

Any Other Business:

A revision of the Constitution is required, since the present one is nearly 24 years old. IJC to update and circulate, with a target of adoption at the AGM.

ACTION: IJC

Following our meeting with the History Society, they have invited us to share the Church Hall with them on 17th October for an exhibition. IJC to contact them with acceptance of their offer.

ACTION: IJC

Date of next meeting:

AGM, 30th March at 8pm

Meeting closed at 10.00pm