

# **Chellaston Residents' Association**

## **Minutes of Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at Chellaston Community Centre**

Present: John Bowden (Chairman)[JC], Ian Colder (Secretary)[IJC], John Crone (Treasurer)[JC], Gary Crisp[GC], Cllr Matthew Holmes[MH], Phil Bailey[PJB].

Residents: Carol Appleby, Mick Appleby, Ged Archer, Mick Gilbert, Peter Rice, Roger Beaumont, Rosemary Beaumont, Gill Donaldson.

Apologies for absence: Linda Winter, Alan Pitcher, Cllrs Jennings and Ingall

The meeting was opened at 7.50pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting (10<sup>th</sup> November 2008) were accepted as a true record.

### **Items outstanding from previous meetings:**

No feedback from Andy Mellors regarding the Red Lion. PJB has heard that the owners are trying to re-sell it.

### **Chairman's Report:**

2008 had been a very busy year for the Association and it looks as though 2009 will be even busier. Progress has been made with the SPD and the presentation to City Planners had shown that we really do mean business. The issue of the T12 continues, but no communication has been received from Wilson Bowden regarding a rearranged meeting. JB concluded by thanking the committee for help and support throughout 2008.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

JC reported that we still have £3700 in the account which was earmarked for the Youth Shelter. However, no invoice has yet been received.

### **Promotional Material:**

AP is working with a graphic designer but there has been delays.

ACTION: AP

### **Children's Centre:**

No further information..

### **Supplementary Planning Document:**

JB gave the reasoning behind the SPD and PJB gave an update on progress. The Chellaston Profile has been started. A meeting needs to be arranged with the School regarding their involvement. JB to write to Planners for confirmation that they will present our case for the SPD to Cabinet in February. He will also confirm that they have all the information required.

ACTION: JB

### **Youth Shelter:**

No information has yet been received from Andy Mellors regarding payment for the shelter. A hard standing has been put down by the Council.

### **All Weather Sports Pitches (AWP):**

Eight residents of Swarkestone Road attended the meeting to gain support for the rejection of the planning application for the all-weather sports pitches on Chellaston School playing fields. The school had submitted a slightly revised plan to the Planners before Christmas. The time limit for comments has been extended until the end of January.

Phil Bailey is acting as an independent consultant on behalf of the residents. He confirmed that he had spoken with Paul Clarke in the Planning Dept. PJB expressed concern at the links with the company involved and Sports England. Furthermore, there was extreme concern that pupils/parents may have been coerced to submit letters of support.

The main issues are noise, light pollution and traffic/parking problems. The Council have stated that the T12 will alleviate traffic problems. Parking is already a problem on Sunday mornings when Melbourne Rugby Club

use the existing facilities. It is also understood that Castle Donington Football Club are also interested in using the all weather pitch.

As well as the loss of the running/rounders field, it will be necessary to lose the last surviving ridge and furrow earthworks in Chellaston.

It is understood that the caretaker's bungalow has been converted to a clubhouse for Melbourne Rugby Club. MH to check whether permission for change of use has been granted. ACTION: MH

It is feared that ultimately it could be used for entertainment purposes ie. music and drinking.

The Police have submitted a report suggesting that the AWP could be good for the community, but they expressed some doubts and potential problems. PB to request copy of report. ACTION: PB

The residents said that they had sent letters to the Headteacher and the Governors, requesting a meeting, but no reply had been received. JC (a former Governor) said that relations between the school and the community had always been good, but on this occasion, it appeared that a wedge was being driven between the two parties.

It was decided that the Association would contact the Headteacher and Governors in an attempt to open a dialogue. ACTION: JB

Although a noise assessment had been carried out, PB thought that it did not represent real life situations and he called for an independent review. IJC to ask a noise consultant to see if the assessment is indeed flawed.

ACTION: IJC

MH asked the residents if school/charity and community use would be acceptable to them. They said that their main concern is that 'out of hours' it will be used commercially. They believe that 'local' use would mean that the use of the facility would not extend into the late evening every weekday as is presently proposed.

JB said that the Association would support the residents.

#### **T12:**

The meeting with Wilson Bowden did not materialise, since they claimed that they were too busy in the run up to Christmas. They proposed that the meeting could be reconvened for January. However, JB's attempts to contact David Ward had failed. GC said that he would also try to contact him. ACTION: JB/GC

MH said that Harvey Jennings believes that the project has been put on hold due to the financial climate.

GC commented that Wilson Bowden have an option to build a business park on the route of the A453, which is soon to become dual carriageway.

#### **Annual General Meeting;**

It was proposed that the AGM would be a good opportunity to roll out the SPD to the residents of Chellaston. In addition, Arriva may be invited to discuss new bus timetables.

Date and venue is to be determined. The Community Centre is not ideal, only being available after 7.45pm on a Monday. The Church Hall was put forward as being an alternative. JB to talk to the Vicar. ACTION: JB

JB said that he attended a meeting on a Sunday, which was well attended.

#### **Any Other Business:**

Phil Bailey was co-opted to the committee. Although he resides in Shelton Lock, his involvement with the SPD is very important. Proposed by JB, seconded by JC.

#### **Date of next meeting:**

March (To be advised)

Meeting closed at 10.10pm