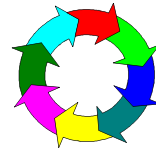




Shelthorpe Community Association



General meeting notes Tuesday 6th February 2007
Hunters Moon 7-30pm

In attendance

Mr M Ray (committee member) Mrs B Barnet (committee member) Mrs J Marshall (committee member) Ms M Fellows (committee member) Mr D Callison (Treasurer) Mrs A Watkinson (Secretary) Ms K Gilmour (committee member) Mrs S Bland (Chair) Mr & Mrs Alborough Mrs R Turner, Mr J Palmer, Cllr N Stork, Cllr R Brown, Mr Hiren Miah, CBC

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Geoff Gay, PC Kev Taylor

2 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes passed no matters arising

3 Matters arising

Hiren Miah

Hiren introduced himself and briefed the Group on his role as Community Strategy Support Officer. The Group looks forward to working alongside Hiren.

Shelthorpe Beat

A Beat update will be given at the next meeting.

Chair asked for the Group's opinion on the Community Speed Watch Scheme, some paperwork was circulated and following discussions it was agreed to register our interest with the Scheme organisers. It was noted that we would need at least 6 volunteers and obtain 200 signatures in order to be eligible to apply. Cllr Stork suggested that the 350+ signatures submitted to County Hall recently, collated for the reduction in speed on the Epinal Way Extn campaign should be sufficient. It was agreed to check this with the Scheme Organisers.

STREET WARDEN

The Street Warden was unable to attend and after several requests the Group have received an update on the June 2006 'Estate Walkabout'. The following is a copy of the information provided:

Nicola and myself apologise for not getting back to you sooner however I have been on holiday and we have been very busy.

I would like to let you know what we have been up to on the estate. Firstly the garage site on Shelthorpe Avenue was a constant fly tipping area and place to dump stolen cars. We have now got a locked gate and given the residents with access a key so that should stop those problems.

Finally, we have managed to task NTL to clean up the green boxes on Manor Drive.

Further to the walkabout at the elderly bungalows we now have gates fitted to the bungalows on Beaumont rd to prevent antisocial behaviour from trespassing youths and repaired all the washing lines.

Other action points to the walkabout which we are still trying to action include fencing along footpath near bungalows from Farnham rd to ling rd and a solution to the damaged grass caused by cars in front of the bungalows on ling rd.

Security at Lindale house has also been upgraded including new steel doors and security cameras which have already proved invaluable in adding the police in recent prosecutions. we have also been working closely with the police to tackle youths who are causing a disproportionately high number of offences on the estate.

We are hoping to plan a walkabout in the near future and will contact you to discuss dates so everyone concerned can be involved.

Chair informed the Group that the Council intend to do another workabout in the near future and asked the Group to recommend specific roads, Griggs, Manor Road and Manor Drive were the favourites.

Chairs Note: The date for the 'Estate Walkabout' is Wednesday 7th March 2007, 2.30 pm, commencing at Griggs Road, any residents who are available are welcome and positively encouraged to join us.

A resident informed the Group that litter from McDonalds was growing at an alarming rate near to his home. After making contact with McDonalds on two separate occasions with no success, a third visit followed, where he placed on the counter the rubbish he had collected, the McDonald store is now regularly picking up the litter around the nearby streets. Well Done

In addition the Group were informed by a resident of his attempts to clear the Etats of Tescos trollies and has arranged a meeting with management on Wednesday 7th February. Cllr Stork suggested that a letter from the Association may also help.

YOUTH CLUB

On going project. It was reported that the Youth Club has transferred part of its Group to Mountfields whilst the refurbishment is ongoing.

LOLLIPOP VACANCIES

A local resident offered to do the job on a voluntary basis whilst the position is advertised. Correspondence has been sent to Leicestershire County Council confirming this but as at this meeting no reply had been received. After visiting the School it was reported to the Group that the Headteacher was not aware of the vacancies and it was agreed that Cllr Neville Stork would look into this.

Chairs Note: After talking to the Headteacher he thanked the Group for our work on this matter and confirmed that he would write to Cllr Stork/County Hall endorsing the recommendation that the local resident be given every consideration and stating his support for this action.

SHELTORPE CONSERVATION AREA REPORT

Chair passed round a copy of the Conservation Report but this item was deferred to the next meeting. It was suggested that more copies were obtained in readiness for the discussion.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Stork reported that Charnwood Borough Council had agreed that the land off Broadway (ex Scout Hut) will be made available to the Group for a term of 10 years initially at a charge of £10 per year. There followed a discussion on raising money to purchase/build a community centre and furnish it. A lot of work ahead of us.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

A summer fete was proposed for August 16th 2008, as it was considered too late to arrange one this year. It was proposed that the School was the perfect place for this and enquiries should be made at the School as soon as possible. Mr Miah offered to help with a project plan as a great deal of organising is required.

For this year a number of suggestions were put forward such as a barbecue, car boots etc.

It was agreed that smaller committees dealing with bitesize chunks of the activities will be required and this will be progressed at the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Closure of Burton Walks: Cllr Stork reported that a meeting to discuss the closure of Burton Walks will be held on Thursday 14th Feb at County Hall at 2pm and all were welcome to attend.

Park Road shops: A resident asked if there was any update on the Park Road Shops, it was confirmed that the boarding remained intact for the time being on the shops. The Flat above appeared to be open to the elements again and there had been reports to the police of a candle flickering at night. Lee Rockett had previously indicated that he was keeping a watchful eye on the situation and as yet had not witnessed any movement within the flats.

Cllr Stork reported that he and the Chair had recently attended a meeting on Anti-Social Behaviour at Charnwood Borough Council, both where a little disappointed with this meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 6TH MARCH