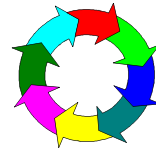




Shelthorpe Community Association



General meeting notes Thursday 10 October 2006
Hunter's Moon

Present

Mrs S Bland (Chair), Mrs J Marshall (Committee Member), Miss K Gilmour (Committee Member), Mrs A Watkinson (Secretary), Cllr R Brown (Chair of Road Safety Committee), Mr D Callison (Treasurer), Mrs B Bartlett (Committee Member), Cllr Geoff Gay, PC Kev Taylor, Mr Lee Rockett (CSO), Mr N Jones (TPO) and six residents.

Apologies

Cllr N Stork, Mr M Ray, Cllr R Brown, Mr D Callison

Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

1. Road Safety – Epinal Way

Cllr Gay confirmed that a petition of 200+ signatures had been presented to the Highways Forum and all other signatures must be presented by October 25th:
Secretary's note: Final signatures amounted to approximately 450.

Chair informed the Group that there is still two lollipop person vacancies to fill and has obtained a number of application forms, if anyone is interested.

2. PC Kev Taylor (Beat Bobby)

PC Taylor introduced Mr Lee Rockett who has recently been appointed at the Community Safety Officer, Mr Rockett will work closely with PC Taylor on the Estate.

PC Taylor confirmed that on Sat 7 October a police surgery was held for residents at Tesco and reported that they hoped to hold these surgeries on a regular basis. In addition they have also arranged a Coffee Morning for parents etc at Shelthorpe School, in an attempt to raise the awareness of the police presence and encourage residents to talk to them.

PC Taylor/Mr Rockett have also arranged to give 'danger talks' to the children at Shelthorpe School on 16/17 October.

PC Taylor reported that two CRASBO's had successfully been obtained on local residents and a third was pending investigations.

A resident raised problems that his family had encountered with fishing wire attached to his door, and regular door knocking pranks, after discussions PC Taylor suggested arranging to meet the resident at his home.

3. Street warden

As previously reported the current Street Warden is absent from work, Cllr Gay was concerned that the Estate still had a Street Warden, as he had been informed that the current postholder is/was on a secondment. After discussions it was agreed that the Chair would write to Alison Newby for clarification. It was felt unacceptable for the Estate to continue to be without a Street Warden.

This prompted a discussion on anti-social-behaviour encountered by Residents. It was reported that an area around Manor Road/Poultney Way regularly encountered anti social behaviour and had rubbish dumped there, which the Council are aware of as they regularly (weekly) arrange a pick up. PC Taylor agreed that this should be a beat priority and consideration will be given to this area when agreeing the next set of priorities.

Cllr Gay reported a found bicycle to the Police and got a response time of approximately an hour, he questioned why the Police were able to respond so quickly to this and not to crimes being committed. It became apparent that the confidence in the Police Service was very low, PC Taylor defended the system (to which he unfortunately has little control over), all calls are logged and prioritised centrally and then filtered down to Officers etc.

The discussions showed that due to lack of confidence a lot of crimes/incidents are no longer reported. PC Taylor encouraged residents to report all crimes/incidents.

Cllr Gay suggested that Wendy Brown's (CBC) telephone number should be widely available, to report incidents of antisocial behaviour, or alternatively report this to him Tel: 233449.

4. Park Road Shops

It was reported that the Council had boarded up the ground floor of the shops, however, the flats above were still open and it was agreed to attempt to progress this. Mr Nick Jones suggested that Mr Birch from CBC may be able to update us and would contact him on our behalf. In addition it was confirmed that Cllr Max Hunt, Leader of the Council was also involved in this.

5. Shelthorpe Youth Club

The Group is working hard to raise the profile of the Youth Club as well as raising funds and obtaining equipment. As previously reported Tesco have donated £500 to the Club and on 23rd October the Young People had the honour of relaunching the new Tesco. After cutting the ribbon, Tesco presented them with the cheque and very generously also gave them the following gifts, a Microwave, Toaster, Kettle, and Smoothie maker. Thank you TESCO (Photos are available).

It was also reported that three new youth leaders have been recruited and it was agreed that a meeting to introduce Cllrs' Gay and Stork, PC Kev Taylor and Mr Rockett should be arranged.

6. Any Other Business

A resident asked whether it was possible to periodically have a mobile speed camera at the top of Hazel Road, as the traffic speeds along this road are excessive. PC Taylor will make enquiries

A resident reported that the traffic lights on Woodthorpe Road/Epinal Way go green at the same time, this causes problems as parents and children have to rush to cross safely.

Discussions also took place about a local convenience store that has experienced large amounts of theft, including 'alcohol grabs'. PC Taylor is aware of the problems and is working closely with the Store and Senior members of the Police in an attempt to reducing the crime and underage drinking.

The meeting came to an end at 9.15 pm

Date of Next meeting: Thursday 2nd November 2006 Venue: Hunter's Moon

Minutes by Ann Watkinson