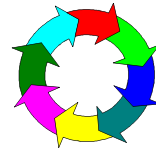




Shelthorpe Community Association



General meeting notes Thursday 7th September 2006
Hunter's Moon

Present

Mrs S Bland (Chair), Mrs J Marshall (Committee Member), Miss K Gilmour (Committee Member), Mr N Stork (Councillor), Mr M Ray (Committee Member), Mrs A Watkinson (Secretary), Cllr R Brown (Chair of Road Safety Committee), Mr D Callison (Treasurer), Ms M Fellows (Committee Member), Mrs B Bartlett (Committee Member), Geoff Gay (Councillor) PC Kev Taylor

Guests: Cllr Max Hunt, Andy Reed (MP)

Apologies

Mr N Jones (Tenant Participation Officer)

Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and there were no matters arising.

Chair welcomed the new faces and explained the Association's aims.

1. Road Safety – Epinal Way

It was noted that an 8 year old boy was in a serious accident on the Epinal Way. This was infact witnessed by Cllr Geoff Gay. Cllr Brown informed us that the Epinal Way safety remains on the Agenda of the Charnwood Road Safety Committee. Highways are already aware of the difficulties that are arising from the Epinal Way, and are taking measures to monitor cars and speed.

Chair suggested that the Charnwood Road Safety Committee consider new road safety markings, as in some cases the costs are not huge. eg see Appendix 1

The Road Safety Campaign is gaining momentum and Cllr's Stork, Gay, and Brown have all pledged their full support including publicity and the implementation of a petition, a number of members agreed to help gain signatures. It was agreed that we needed approx 1000 signatures for the petition to be effective.

Cllr's Stork and Gay intend to present the petition to the Road Safety Forum. The deadline for the receipt of all completed petition papers is October 8th.

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.

Cllr Max Hunt, Leader of Charnwood Council and MP Andy Reed also pledged their support and signed the petition.

2. Raising Funds for the Shelthorpe Youth Club

It was reported that the Youth Club is closed until September 26th. Tesco have pledged a donation of £500 to the Association. Tesco would like to arrange a presentation on October 23rd 2006 at 9.45 am. Any members of the Group are welcome to attend and hopefully we will have some of the Young People will also be available.

The Youth Centre's open day went very well, the Association were present all day and the Tombola raised £18.25. Chair would like to thank those volunteers for all their hard work and donations.

3. Tesco – Lack of Level Crossing

The new roundabout at Tesco had now been completed, however it was noted that it is now very difficult to cross the road due to a lack of safe crossing. It was agreed that the Chair would investigate. *Chair's note: Tesco explained that the progression of the planned level crossing has been delayed due to County Council not providing the approval. It appears that the plans have to go to public consultation before the crossing can be installed. This consultation has not yet started and means the crossing will not be complete until probably next year.*

4. Street warden

This item will be carried forward to the next meeting. Liam Coulson currently absent from work due to illness.

5. PC Kev Taylor (Beat Bobby)

There were a number of items for discussion, however, PC Taylor was bombarded with questions in regard to Anti-Social Behaviour and what the Police were doing about it. A lengthy discussion took place with PC Taylor bringing everyone up to date. The remaining issues will be carried forward to the next meeting.

6. Park Road Shops

It was reported that the Council had partially boarded up the shops, however, it was felt it was not sufficient and investigations will continue.

7. Any Other Business

Community Centre

Cllr Stork had identified a piece of land on the Estate where a possible community centre could be built.

Mr Dave Callison (Treasurer)

Mr Callison thanked Cllr Gay on his first attendance and contribution to the meeting.

The meeting came to an end at 9.45 pm

Date of Next meeting: Thursday 12th October 2006 Venue: Hunter's Moon

Please note the date and venue of the next meeting are subject to change. Any changes will be notified as soon as possible.

Minutes by Ann Watkinson

APPENDIX 1



Sign Entry Treatments

Usually used on the approaches to built up areas where the speed limit signs and town/village nameplates can be incorporated to give maximum impact to approaching drivers. The signs may be placed on high profile backing boards and when introduced with new road markings remind drivers that they are entering an area which requires 'extra special' attention. **Cost (£)** Approximately £5,000



Anti-Skid

Use of small size road stone which is very hard wearing and is particularly used to deter vehicles from skidding on the approaches to traffic lights, pelican crossings and zebra crossings. Also used to address 'loss of control' accidents, usually at bends on higher speed roads. **Cost (£)** A section of anti-skid surfacing may cost around £5,000.



Coloured Road Surfacing

Can be used in conjunction with road markings to highlight points in the road where vehicle speeds or the occurrence of accidents is of particular concern. Colours used are normally red or buff but green is sometimes used to highlight cycle lanes.

Coloured surfacing is a deviation from more standard road surfacing and has certain longer term maintenance implications. With this in mind it is important that it is adopted at strategic locations where it is especially needed and not on a widespread basis.

Cost (£)

A standard area of coloured surfacing would cost approximately £700.00, however, this technique should be used in conjunction with other measures.