

**Brunswick and North Kite Resident's Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting**

7:30 p.m. 16th July 2013 at 41 Maid's Causeway

PRESENT

Roger Chatterton	RC	
Sue Gordon -Roe	SGR	
Hugh Kellett	HK	Joint Chairman
James Oram	JO	Secretary taking minutes
John Lawton	JL	Joint Chairman
Susan Dixon		Treasurer
Leonie Llewellyn	LL	

1.	1. Apologies for Absence: No apologies
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2	Minutes of Last Meeting	ACTION
2.1	One error to correct, not SGR but SD to deal with BruNK bank account. Also typo 14.4	

3	Christchurch Party	
3.1	This was a successful joint venture with BruNK	
3.2	Not sure what funds were raised or how many attended, it seemed to be a mix of older BruNK and younger church	
3.3	Weather was wet so inside the hall most of time	
3.4	Christchurch covered the costs and BruNK did not do a lot of organising but we helped set up and tidy up at the end.	
3.5	To improve attendance, could use word of mouth to publicise these events e.g. people we see in the street.	
3.5	No one from Parsonage Street who we helped with planning came.	
3.6	We should do this again.	
3.7	Residents of the care home/sheltered housing used to go but do not now. Wardens are keen for them to be involved in community	

4	Midsummer Fair	
4.1	SD prepared minutes of the meeting earlier today held following Midsummer Fair	
4.2	Two boats were un-moored	
4.3	Complaint about noise on Maid's Causeway in the afternoon	
4.4	There should be no vehicle movements between 12 am and 7 am	
4.5	HK and JL went to daily meeting some complaints about noise but nothing to report no major incidents	
4.6	New landlord of Fort St George is more co-operative and had expected a lot worse but he had no problems	

4.7	Graham the pinder was very proactive	
4.8	If a noisy ride is identified, Thurstons should be alerted	
4.9	The management group meetings were very effective but officers present appear to have no power to enact decisions so things don't get done.	
4.10	Andrea Reiner cannot attend as she is now an executive office so there is apparently a conflict. Not clear what this is.	
4.11	So there is a problem with no direct link to council	
4.12	Can we meet with Andrea about this	BruNK
4.13	Sarah Tovell presented ideas for steps up to orchard but FoMC were not keen. Money has been allocated after WCAC proposed it, an example of poor communication.	
	Benches on common – these do attract drinkers, boat owners are not keen on more by river as drinkers cause trouble.	
	Wildflower meadow – this could be moved to orchard as current meadow has not worked. There were meant to be three and this one was a trial but seems to have been given up on.	
	Conservation plan had recommended orchard and wildflower meadow but could not decide where the meadows to be located.	
	The excuse now for no meadows is that there are no resources and too much work to maintain. JL keen to continue with areas on the common.	
	We should bring this up at next Council meeting.	
	Andrea Reiner would probably support and promote this in conjunction with FoMC	??
	Perhaps more of a FoMC issue they are keen for wildflower meadow to be in orchard	
	Cattle are back on the common and will be there until October there are only a few events and small enough for the cattle not to have to be moved.	
	Fence by the CRC development is to be re-installed by Berkeley Homes	
	Joint FoMC / BruNK picnic – a tent is to be provided by City Council so is more formal than expected but only a small event	
	Thanks to SD for minutes of the Midsummer Common meeting	

	Huppert Meeting	
	RC has contacted Lynette and Anthony Bowen (from other residents associations who are keen to be included as too are FoMC	
	Confirm venue as Christchurch and confirm with Julian Huppert BruNK are responsible for arranging meeting and venue HK will do this	HK
	Start 7.30 pm on 5 th September	

	<p>We will arrange refreshments</p> <p>We should make sure we have questions</p> <p>Should it cover very local issues or more national issues – risk is that any local problems are passed over to local councillors</p> <p>A number of local issues that are national political matters e.g. speed limits planning</p> <p>Should we have a chair of the meeting from BruNK</p> <p>Give Julian a chance to speak at start of meeting then he will take questions</p> <p>Have a selection of prepared questions from the 3 residents associations and have an open floor on other questions</p> <p>BruNk questions – transport/underground, cycling, housing, A14</p> <p>Perhaps invite some local high profile residents</p> <p>Lib Dems should advertise this</p> <p>We should meet before then and with the other groups</p> <p>Julian can talk about what the government can do for local issues</p>	
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	<p>HCVs/Road Surfaces/Parking</p> <p>HK and JL have tried to contact Ed Cearns</p> <p>Council are spending more on compensation for damage to cars caused by potholes than they are on repairing potholes</p> <p>HK and JL have arranged to meet John Onslow a council official on 5th August to discuss HCVs – which does seem to be improving</p> <p>Will also discuss road surfaces there needs to be a list or schedule of work we need to know when it will be done Maid's Causeway especially needs to be done.</p> <p>This time of year there tends to be a lot of road works going on</p> <p>Ask if they can make man hole covers non slip for motorcyclists and cyclists – however these are the responsibility of the utility company who's utilities they cover</p> <p>The pro cycling agenda could mean they can be improved</p> <p>HK & JL will discuss the agenda of the meeting before hand</p>	
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	<p>Speedwatch</p> <p>JL has been chasing up equipment has not been able to secure this from CRC</p>	
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	<p>Roundels seem to have been forgotten we were told one month at last WCAC</p> <p>Ed Cearns aware that they have not been done</p> <p>Next Speedwatch perhaps on taxis and busses</p> <p>We can have a few sessions in early morning</p> <p>Also combine with “truckwatch” - lorries which should not be there</p> <p>Cars do seem to be getting slower</p>	
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	<p>FeCRA</p> <p>JL & JC went to FeCRA meeting a good representation from local residents associations and council</p> <p>A presentation from East Cambs and South Cambs and transport department and about one hour of questions</p> <p>Some of the presentations are on the council website</p> <p>Committee are looking at the green belt</p> <p>Seems to be a lot of large new developments around Cambridge</p> <p>There is a government directive that Cambridgeshire must have a certain number of new houses by 2030</p> <p>Council therefore looking at infill sites in Cambridge this does mean planning restrictions will be less stringent and more co-operation with developers</p> <p>RC mentioned this at the Midsummer Common meeting and asked if green spaces officers on council were aware of this pressure and if green spaces were protected</p> <p>With housing pressure comes transport pressure</p> <p>Needs to be more affordable housing</p> <p>Trying to apply requirements of affordable housing to smaller developments of less than 15 units</p> <p>A question for Julian Huppert - the local plan document is quite impenetrable?</p> <p>Are larger developments going to have their own community facilities there is a legal requirement to provide these for larger developments but most employment will be in Cambridge not in “new towns”</p> <p>BrUNK will be affected by transport more buses, air pollution these come into local plan</p> <p>New developments put pressure on the infrastructure – a questions for Julian Huppert</p> <p>The word sustainable is in the local plan a lot but does not seem to mean much in practice</p> <p>There is no attempt to reduce air pollution which is already above EU limits in places. EU fines will be imposed on those countries that do not meet the limits and these will be passed down to local authorities</p> <p>Local Plan does not have all the answers it has occupied the planning department recently</p>	
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	<p>Patsy Dell arranged the FeCRA meeting to allow residents to call her to account she gave good answers to these questions</p> <p>RC and JL are on the FeCRA committee now</p> <p>FeCRA do not speak on behalf of member RAs it is just a hub for them</p> <p>The influence of London also leads to high demand for homes in Cambridge</p> <p>Needs to be some point at which development is halted</p> <p>Plans also include retail property Grafton Centre to increase in size</p> <p>Local developments tend not to be affordable for local people and essential workers</p> <p>Local Plan is not updated for 15 years so should last 2015 - 2030</p>	
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	<p>Ice Rink</p> <p>The temporary ice rink that is usually on Parkers Peice proposed to be moved to Christ's Pieces there is a meeting about this tomorrow</p> <p>It will be there for 2 – 3 months</p> <p>Should green spaces be left as green spaces and not have events, fairs etc?</p> <p>King Street traders are keen on the ice rink</p> <p>Why is it being moved?</p> <p>Some areas have heavy use for fairs etc</p> <p>But they do give something to do in winter which seems to be popular</p> <p>Perhaps a survey of use of Parkers Piece with and without events would be useful</p> <p>Parkers Piece is less residential.</p> <p>Christ's Pieces is not the best area for this but council is keen to move it there</p> <p>Christ's Pieces Residents Association are against it as inappropriate and intrusive</p> <p>There are strong opinions on both sides</p>	
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	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>We should start by discussing future planning</p> <p>Next meeting 20th August 7.30 at 11 Brunswick Walk</p> <p>SGR not available</p> <p>Thanks to LL</p>	
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