

**Brunswick and North Kite Resident's Association**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 41 Maid's Causeway Cambridge**

Present:

Roger Chatterton	RC	Joint Chairman
John Lawton	JL	Joint Chairman
Sue Gordon -Roe	SGR	Treasurer
Jeremy Waller	JW	
Leonie Llewellyn	LL	
Susan Dixon	SD	
James Oram	JO	Secretary taking minutes
Wendy Andrews	WA	
Mike Ashby	MA	
Sally Westwood	SW	

Apologies for Absence:

No apologies

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

Approved

**2. CRC Update**

2.1 RC is in touch with Tim Bick and Colin Rosenstiel about the amount of work going on especially ground clearance and large lorries moving rubble & soil. Assurance sought that Maid's Causeway will not be used as a route and Midsummer Common not used for storage.

- i. Colin was not able to help but said there could be consultation.
- ii. Tim was helpful said there would be a 2 year building period so impact could be significant.
- iii. Approval should be sought before Maid's Causeway is used.
- iv. Planning application requires detailed storage and access particulars.
- v. S106 agreement is not finalised – no proposal yet.

2.2 MA asked if the allotment will be affected especially as fence is in poor condition.

- i. SD pointed out allotments were common land – she will look at Commons ACT 2006.

**SD**

2.3 Should we record current encroachment of common and width of roads to ensure they do not increase?

### 3. **20 mph Limit**

- 3.1 Consultation over October & November then to AJC and in place by March 2010.
- i. WA will put in BruNK committee view – committee unanimously agreed 20 mph limit was a good idea. Some questions arose that could be raised at consultation: WA
    - a) Should limit start on Victoria Avenue to slow down traffic before it hits Maid's Causeway?
    - b) What measures will there be to enforce it?
- 3.2 The scheme is termed a pilot project as part of a larger county wide scheme to control traffic.
- i. Pilot will become permanent as council tends not to withdraw schemes.
- 3.3 Police should be able to check speed, if not this could be bought up at community forum.

### 4. **Eastern Gateway Hotel**

- 4.1 To be located on Newmarket Road
- 4.2 RC has been in contact with Mike Dixon. Permission had been refused first time around but re-submitted with minor changes. Still 6 stories and main entrance will be on Harvest Way., no access at front.
- i. Riverside are objecting strongly.
  - ii. Should BruNK put in an objection?
  - iii. It is off our patch but our grounds could only be transport and traffic related.
  - iv. Should we offer support to Riverside?
  - v. RC to e-mail Lynette at Riverside to ask if they would like our support
- 4.3 This represents a gradual creep of six storey buildings in the area. This will continue if no objections are made. RC
- 4.4 SW agreed to view the plans and find out dates to go planning committee and report back to us.
- 4.5 We should also contact contractors of CRC development and remind them that Maid's Causeway has a HCV ban. SW to check which contractors doing work and RC to compose a letter. SW
- 4.6 Mike Dixon is on the planning committee and should know what is going on. SW/RC

## 5. Midsummer Common

### 5.1 JL and RC at the Midsummer Common Management Committee

- i. There is a problem with the community orchard, Dick and Barry were very vocal.
- ii. There is a plan to cultivate Butt Green part of common for a wild flower area which will be fenced off. Has been put off as it is too dry.
- iii. The community orchard will be located in the cattle pound which is common land. Debbie Kay has not committed any resources to the orchard.
- iv. Dick has written to Julie Smith with RC's support requesting action on the orchard.
- v. Julie Smith is a city councillor.
- vi. Planting trees is a problematic issue at the council at the moment.
- vii. Across UK community orchards have been successful.
- viii. FOMC have agreed to manage the orchard.
- ix. Julie Smith's reply to letter states orchard planting should commence this winter pending final approval and consultation. So winter 2009/2010 or 2010/2011! Trees have to be planted in winter.
- x. Volunteers will be needed to help with work.
- xi. Kenny the tree expert will give support.

5.2 There are dots painted on some trees near two path does this mean they will be felled? WA will ask.

**WA**

5.3 On the matter of horse chestnuts and bleeding canker disease, Kenny Has said it should not threaten trees short term but may affect long term health.

Cows have been moved could be because grass is not good enough.

- 5.4
- i. Alistair has had enquiries from two or three farmers about City grazing.
  - ii. New pound for cattle will be east of the cutter ferry bridge once orchard planted.

## 6. Railings

- 6.1 The application for removal of railings outside number 14 has been refused
- 6.2 The temporary bus stop is still in place but there is poor access which has safety implications, so this stop needs to be moved.
- 6.3 WA will contact Sarah Whitebread for an update **WA**
- 6.4 An alternative site for the stop is requires should we offer an alternative idea - agreed to meet to work out where this could be.

## 7. Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets.

- 7.1 RC attended a meeting.
  - i. The old Habitat building will be taken on by a firm from Bishop's Stortford due to open in November, this is a good quality retailer.
  - ii. A new food store is still ongoing, Dreams Beds on East Road is rumoured to become a Tesco's. Will this affect viability of a new food store on Fitzroy Street?
  - iii. 22<sup>nd</sup> October M&S in Grafton is closing
  - iv. Blacks is closing.
  - v. Generally Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets are looking depressed.
  - vi. Retails are concerned with anti-social behaviour.
  - vii. Footlights entrance has been fenced off and police are aware of the problem.
  - viii. Telephone boxes are to be removed as well as other improvements.
  - ix. Also discussed was control of traffic going around corner of Adam and Eve Street onto Burleigh Street.
  - x. The vacant shop art initiative has been successful.
  - xi. Primark should raise profile of the area.

## 8. Late & Early Deliveries

- 8.1 RC has received complaints about very early deliveries at around 4.45 a.m. at New Look.
  - i. The environmental Health Dept. have taken action.
  - ii. Michael Wiseman has issued warnings and a fine will be imposed from Environmental Health on next offence.

**9. Salmon Lane**

9.1 This is a long running saga, Paul Necus from City Council has been contacted by RC.

i. Monitoring of ground continues.

ii. "No plans for planting now"

iii. A meeting is to be organised

9.2 Diana Oviatt-Ham is on long term sick leave and there has been no progress in seven years, no action from council`

9.3 Originally when the car park was built there was an agreement to plant trees.

There is a problem with residents who are affected to make representations.

9.4

Area has become a rubbish dump, council say that using planters will bring limitations on trees and other problems, cost of maintenance (watering) so council is looking at alternatives.

9.5

Can local residents get involved in maintenance?

9.6 Council seems to be generous with tree planting in some areas but not others.

10 **Love Cambridge**

- 10.1 JW – meeting tomorrow has been cancelled. Has attended transport committee meeting (JW is on committee).
- 10.2 Love Cambridge is essentially City Centre Management. With various committees involved.
- 10.3 Another transport meeting in November the points JW may raise are:
- i. Lower bus fares from stagecoach in the middle of the day.
  - ii. Re-open bus stops.
  - iii. Reduce car park charges in middle of the day
  - iv. Better signs to control cycles on one way streets and city centre.
  - v. Widen the pavements on Magdalene Street
  - vi. e-open Silver Street
  - vii. Re-route City Shuttle to avoid Fair Street in middle of the day – few people using Fair Street.
- 10.4 Concern about loss of a bus stop or service in Fair Street feeling was it is being used by those who could not make journey to city centre on foot.
- i. Could the service just be reduced currently running every 20 minutes.
- 10.5 Finally does BruNK committee approve of a fair policy statement from City Council on Civil Enforcement Officers (traffic wardens) giving some dispensation to businesses and local residents.
- i. Agreement that should be a 'code of conduct' with nine in favour one against.
  - ii. JW to circulate a draft and discuss with JL and SD.

**JW/JL/  
SD**

11. **Christmas Drinks**

- 11.1 Will be on 7<sup>th</sup> December at Burleigh Arms with a committee meeting at 6.45 and drinks from 7.45.
- i. SGR to book Burleigh.
  - ii. RC to design flyer for invitation to drinks to also with map of BruNK (JL to provide) area and invitation to join e-mail list
- 11.2 Next committee meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 11, Brunswick Walk starting at 7.30.
- i. On next meeting agenda:
    - a) Anti Social behaviour
- 11.3 Thanks to LL for hospitality and to RC for work and preparation for meeting

**SGR**

**RC/JL**