

Brunswick and North Kite Resident's Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
7.30 p.m. 4th October 2010 at 41 Maid's Causeway

PRESENT

Roger Chatterton	RC	Joint Chairman
John Lawton	JL	Joint Chairman
Leonie Llewellyn	LL	
James Oram	JO	Secretary taking minutes
Sally Westwood	SW	
Sue Gordon-Roe	SGR	Treasurer

1. Apologies for Absence:

Jeremy Waller JW
Susan Dixon SD
Wendy Andrews WA

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 26 th July 2010 were approved
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3. 20 MPH Limit

3.1	WA has written to Karen Lunn and has a letter publishes in Cambridge News.	
3.2	Sarah Whitebread gave an interview on the radio (link on BruNK website)	
3.3	Richard Taylor's website has also covered this.	
3.4	The West Central Committee has approved among other things making speeding and anti-social use of vehicles a priority.	
3.5	But the enforcement policy is still not clear	
3.6	Police had issued a statement saying they would not actively enforce it and it should be "self-enforcing" and this will be reviewed following monitoring.	
3.7	The signs are small and on the wrong side of the road, there must be signs on both sides of the road to make it legally enforceable.	
3.8	It is not clear how long the trial will last bearing in mind the signs went in late.	
3.9	WA was going to follow this up.	WA
3.10	Next West Central Areas Committee is 28 th October – a question should be put in for this asking what the council are doing.	
3.11	There is a statement on the police website that some roads are being monitored but not Maid's Causeway.	
3.12	JL will follow this up with council and police	JL

4. Trees	
4.1	No news on Salmon Lane.
4.2	There was a special meeting in September of the West Central Area Committee JL and RC attended and there were lots of others there.
4.3	A “package” of felling mainly of diseased trees and leylandii on Jesus Green and Midsummer Common.
4.4	Total of 40 trees on Midsummer Common and around 20 on Jesus Green to be felled, the cherry avenue on Jesus Green will stay except those that are diseased.
4.5	The council representative put a good case for felling.
4.6	There was a somewhat limited choice of trees to be planted to replace – four in total – the soil type, need for disease resistance, the location in a flood area the shape and growth rate are all factors in this.
4.7	The horse chestnuts have leaf curl but this is not terminal. The chestnut avenue is hard to manage
4.8	£50,000 in total is being spent on this project meaning there are no funds remaining to replace the chestnut avenue – JL questioned this.
4.9	There could be more money in next financial year; the funds come from the Environmental Improvement Budget a City fund that is being used for highways which should be the County Council’s responsibility.
4.10	Some residents of the new houses on North Terrace do not want trees in front of their houses they feel they encourage anti-social behaviour, FoMC are following this up.
4.11	The trees in front of the new houses on North Terrace would be further away than those in front of the old houses.
4.12	There will be trees in front of the CRC development.
4.13	Proposed that four of five London plains will go in front of the public WC, is this appropriate since when fully grown will obscure the building and may cause subsidence.
4.14	What qualifications do the tree officers have? This was not clear from meeting JL and RC attended.

5. Burleigh Street and Adam and Eve Street	
5.1	This area is used for parking and a shortcut from East Road.
5.2	RC has raised it with councillors but the road cannot be sealed because the snooker hall and pub need deliveries.
5.3	Could there be a lockable bollard?
5.4	There may be progress with this when improvements to area are underway.

6. Zebra		
6.1	There is a new manager in place but there appears to be little change from time of previous incumbent.	
6.2	The same landlord runs the Haymakers in Chesterton.	

7. Resident's Parking		
7.1	Possible fee increase coming could be £1,000 but no figures published, the new fee will be at a level to reflect the income that a meter could generate.	
7.2	RC will contact Colin Rosenstiel or Sarah Whitebread and raise concern.	RC
7.3	BruNK is against a substantial increase as most houses here are Victorian terraces with no other parking options available.	

8. Eastern Gateway		
8.1	RC has read visioning document which is a non-binding guideline for planners.	
8.2	Covers PACT and RARA areas and also Newmarket Road to East Road roundabout and Wellington Court.	
8.3	On 11 th October there will be a public consultation at Christ Church.	
8.4	There has already been a lot of public consultation.	
8.5	RC will ask Sarah Chubb who is managing the project if they have a similar consultation planned for the BruNK area.	RC
8.6	Committee agreed that this consultation was a good example if pro-active planning involving community – can it be used more often?	

9. Travel Lodge		
9.1	The cut off date for objections has been extended to 15th October and plans are available for inspection until then.	
9.2	The new plans are an improvement on the original with the Eastern end being re-shaped.	
9.3	The traffic model has changed to a more appropriate one. There are still problems with the figures they are using but it looks like travel movements on a Saturday will be about 1,000 for the whole day.	
9.4	Traffic is already bad on a Saturday, but most movements are likely to be taxis.	
9.5	It will be five storeys high with a restaurant.	
9.6	Is the whole thing necessary given the plans for MacKays.	
9.7	The developers seem to be keen to get local residents associations on side.	
9.8	The size of the development is still excessive but less than 190 rooms is not financially viable.	

10. MacKays		
10.1	RC has put in an objections and is meeting tomorrow with architects, Lynette and MacKays.	
10.2	Plans for an eight story block at the fire station site now approved .	
10.3	The MacKays and Travelodge developments show how the residents associations can work together.	
10.4	Both the MacKays and Travelodge buildings will be high and increase the canyoning effect to East Road.	
10.5	The committee thanks RC for putting so much work into this matter.	

11. Next Meeting		
11.1	8 th November at SW's at the earlier time of 7 pm.	
11.2	The Christmas party will be booked for 6 th December at 7.30 with a committee meeting at 6.45. SGR to book Burleigh Arms.	SGR
11.3	AGM suggested date 11 th April 2011 once RC has booked Christ Church.	RC

12. AOB		
12.1	JW has joined Cambridge Past Present & Future (CPPF) and is willing to be BruNK's spokesman which was agreed by the committee. JW should report back to BruNk what he has said and what is discussed at CPPF.	JW
12.2	SW went to library meeting – the financial cuts are a concern but it is not clear what the impact will be. Could be an impact on neighbourhood and village libraries, Central Library is safe, BruNK should be involved in any consultation SW will monitor	SW
12.3	Thanks to LL for hosting the meeting.	
12.4	Meeting ends.	