

Brunswick and North Kite Resident's Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
 7.30 p.m. 26th July 2010 at 5 Newmarket Road

PRESENT

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

1. Apologies for Absence:	No apologies
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2	Minutes of Last Meeting	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting in 24 th May 2010 were approved.	
2.2	Can the website be updated with minutes?	
2.3	JL is handling Salmon Lane	JL

3	20 MPH Limit	
3.1	This is being held up by delay with signs, they have not been ordered yet.	
3.2	Seems to be a heavy workload in the department and across the board in the public sector. The project may have been dropped as even allocated funds are now at risk. There has been a recruitment freeze.	
3.3	Julian Huppert M.P. is in favour of speed restrictions and reduction in use of cars. He is speaking about public transport in House of Commons this week.	
3.4	Should we emphasis the health and safety aspects of this project and keep the pressure on.	
3.5	Was approved last year and due February this year but delayed initially by cold weather.	
3.6	Perhaps put pressure on committees – Sarah Whitebread is overseeing this.	
3.7	Keep sending e-mails probably not worth contacting M.P.	
3.8	SD will look up names to contact	SD
3.9	WA will chase up at council copy to committee and Julian Huppert's office	WA
3.10	On the subject of Julian Huppert, he has proposed a bill to protect Strawberry Fair so he may be interested.	
3.11	Better to go through hierarchy at County Council first.	

4	Salmon Lane	
4.1	JL has been in contact with Tim Bick no action until the car park has been repaired	

4.2	Grass area rather than hard standing preferred by Council.	
4.3	Also Tim recognised need to tackle antisocial behaviour.	
4.4	JL asked him about where the ring fenced funds have gone, JL will continue to follow this up.	JL

5	Fitzroy & Burleigh	
5.1	R.C. is dealing with this.	RC
5.2	Another meeting last week – work starts end of September and into October.	
5.3	8 of the 14 telephone boxes are in use but operators have the right to keep them, they not only generate call revenue but also revenue as advertising space.	
5.4	But boxes are used to co-ordinate drug deals	
5.5	Three telephone companies are involved one is very reluctant to lose boxes.	
5.6	Prudential and Grafton should contribute, although the work benefits all traders.	
5.7	We should ask Michael Wiseman about the contribution from the Grafton Centre.	
5.8	Perhaps questions could come via the West Central Committee meeting on 26 th August, how do City and County councils work with big business?	
5.9	Funding still to be approved, budget is £100,000	
5.10	All street furniture is to be replaced as well as tree surroundings, street lights, bike racks, telephone boxes. Surfaces repaired and possibly extra trees if utilities allow.	
5.11	Cycling restriction to be retained.	
5.12	May be a restriction to traffic around the Adam and Eve to Burleigh Street corner as well as restriction to parking near snooker club.	
5.13	Reduce A-boards in front of shops	
5.14	Hanging baskets are being considered.	
5.15	Pleased that there is a commitment to sort out the area.	
5.16	Traders have attended meeting	
5.17	Waitrose has drawn people in to area.	
5.18	Section 30 order has been lifted from Grafton and City Centre has expired and no longer needed.	

6	Waitrose Alcohol Sales	
6.1	Alcohol now on sale there was one objection.	

7	Section 106	
7.1	Issue of where and how 106 funds are spent.	
7.2	Part of the Berkeley Homes fund is being spent within the site.	
7.3	This has been raised by FoMC.	

7.4	In Cambridge funds have gone into a central pot and spent on unrelated sites.	
7.5	Joanna Gilbert-Wooldridge confirmed nearly £430,000 of 106 monies being spent within the Berkeley CRC site itself	
7.6	Appears to be no clear accounting of S. 106 funds, i.e. where it has come from and where it is spent	
7.7	These funds could have gone to the Burleigh/Fitzroy improvements	
7.8	There should be transparency	
7.9	RC to raise at the West Central Area Committee as a written question to be minute	R.C.
7.10	FoMC had an informal agreement with Berkeley Homes to spend money on Common but this has not happened	
7.11	FoMC have raised this at West Central Area Committee and pointed out that the council are working on old regulations for 106 funding and new rules are better.	
7.12	JW & RC to attend West Central Area Committee in 26 th August	JW/RC
7.13	PACT also raising this issue	
7.14	RC has already contacted ward and county councillors.	
7.15	There are large amounts of money at stake	
7.16	RC to ask at next West Central meeting about how much money coming in and where it is going.	

8	Travelodge	
8.1	Planning has been refused there were strong objections from residents.	
8.2	Developers have consulted with residents and new plans five instead of six floors but still 219 rooms with different materials and traffic figures have been revised.	
8.3	Planning meeting attended – still seem to be providing inaccurate traffic figures with poor comparisons used.	
8.4	Another meeting this week still questioning traffic movements. Main access to hotel will be from back, developers had used traffic comparisons that were closer to a rail station. In Cambridge location will mean guests will have to use taxis.	
8.5	Residents associations want new traffic figures	
8.6	Study of impact on back roads by traffic	
8.7	Although the check in times at hotels are not in rush hour East Road is often blocked in non-rush hour periods.	
8.8	Would like to reduce traffic by reducing number of rooms	
8.9	MacKays site will include a c.200 bed hotel.	
8.10	Are two budget hotels next to each other really needed?	
8.11	New plan is a better design	

9	Mackays	
9.1	The online plans are a very large file with lots of documents	
9.2	Will be maximum six storey close to the court building tapering down towards East Road.	

9.3	Concern from PACT is it will become more of a student ghetto but this is not grounds for plans to be rejected.	
9.4	Why are there so many new hotels planned or being built in Cambridge?	
9.5	As a result of Local Plan a vision document is being created with emphasis of Cambridge shifting from a university to a tourist town.	
9.6	Cambridge relies on tourism a great deal	
9.7	Many tourist come for just a day and council are looking at ways to keep them overnight.	
9.8	Business rates go to central government so increased tourism may not help local finances.	
9.9	Tourism may change nature of green spaces by putting pressure on them development could reduce green spaces. SD to raise this at West Central Committee.	SD
9.10	A great deal of work involved in making even a slight impact on the size of developments	
9.11	Overall strategy for council could be wrong	
9.12	No building should be higher than the tower of Great St Mary's.	
9.13	High profile media coverage and local residents will make an impact e.g. the Garden House Hotel plans and Stephen Hawkin's involvement as well as Old Newnham Society.	
9.14	A lot of effort is required to make small changes hence the need for a separate committee – SD and JW will start this off with SD looking at tall buildings report and who can be involved.	SD JW
9.15	SD to contact those involved in tall buildings and copy in Hanke and Lynette (RARA)	SD

10	Bollards	
10.1	Nothing to report on this matter has been handed on.	

11	Bench Midsummer Common	
11.1	No progress on this , WA is dealing with it.	WA

12	AOB	
12.1	SGR – barbeque was a success and will confirm donations by e-mail	SGR
12.2	Next meeting 4 th October at LL's house	

Meeting ends