

BruNK Committee Meeting Minutes **Thursday 12th October 2006**

Present: Leonie, Wendy, Roger, John M and John L.

Apologies: Sue, Mary, Charlotte, Dundy, Mike

Geoffrey has now resigned from the committee.

Minutes of the last (special) meeting (6th September) were approved.

Council consultation:

A meeting of interested parties and transport officers took place in Shire Hall on the 28th September. Leonie, Wendy, and John M represented BruNK. John L represented his wife Dr Erica Hunter who could not attend.

For CCC Cambridge Projects Team, Helen Green, Brian Stinton and Richard Preston. Others present: Michael Wiseman (M.D. Grafton Centre), Andy Campbell (Stagecoach), a city policeman, Joye Rosenstiel, and Councillor Alan Baker, the new AJC chair.

John Messenger presented the findings of the meeting of local interested parties held at his house on 6th September, which seemed to be well received. Discussion took place over possible moves to reduce the impact of traffic, although it was again frustrating that budgetary restraints might prevent action. It was at least useful to make the Projects team aware of wider local feeling and opinion. There will be a follow up meeting on the 4th December to see proposals prior to them being presented to the AJC in January.

There is a lack of funds in the Core Scheme for further action. There is now apparently no Core Scheme 5, CCC are looking to traffic management measures. We are awaiting Helen Green's minutes of the meeting, and to see their proposals.

Wendy suggested that BruNK needs to communicate the situation to the community.

Christ's Pieces:

Calls to extend the bus station were criticised. Worries were expressed of possible proposals for parking on Butt Green. This idea apparently arises from time to time. It was felt that vigilance is also still required to fend off a long distance coach station in Victoria Avenue.

Bus shelter:

Andy Campbell stated in the CCC meeting that a new bus shelter will be required in Newmarket Road East / MC. There was concern over its likely location, possible near Christ Church.

Newsletter:

It was suggested that a newsletter be produced to inform BruNK members. Roger to draft.

Midsummer Common:

A meeting took place between Geoffrey, Roger, Angelica, Alistair Wilson and Anthony French. Alistair and Anthony are keen on grazing cows on MC, maybe in the spring. No recent news on this.

A 'Friends of Midsummer Common' is being set up, and this is being discussed in conjunction with the council. Council funding should be available for this 'official' group. BruNK will pursue links.

There was concern over the last film company parking a lot of vehicles on the common. Excessive use of the common may be subject to a legal challenge. Long term Midsummer Fair and Strawberry Fair will be more regulated in the long term, and the nature of the fairs may have to change.

Zebra:

There was trouble at the weekend before this meeting. Roger and John L heard the noise. Police attended. The Zebra will be monitored for noise and litter by Environmental Health. Wendy will communicate residents concerns over noise.

Local shopping:

Roger reported concern over pressure to move the green grocery stall in Fitzroy Street. Roger will talk to Michael Wiseman (Grafton Centre) to elucidate.

Willow Walk Hostel:

Management is working hard to clear up problems. Wendy attends advisory meetings.

Trees:

Diana Oviatt-Ham has said that the tree outside Wendy's house will be replaced with another plane tree. JL to email Diana about the tree on the corner of Fitzroy Lane. Roger should be informed about Salmon Lane tree replacements.

AOB:

Grateful thanks to Leonie for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting:

6th November at Mike Ashby's (51 MC).

John Lawton
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