

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

**7 p.m. 9th June 2008
At 41 Maid's Causeway Cambridge**

Present

Mike Ashby
Charlotte Beatson
Roger Chatterton (Vice Chairman)
Sue Gordon-Roe (Hon. Treasurer)
Leonie Llewellyn
James Oram (Secretary)

Apologies for absence were received from

Wendy Andrews
John Lawton

Roger is acting as temporary Chairman as Wendy will be absent for a while.

Sallie Westwood our new committee member has not been contacted and JO will obtain her details and ensure she is on e-mail group.

Cellar Bar 8

From updates received the Cellar Bar 8 complaints are progressing to a prosecution and withdrawal of license.

There was an under 18's event recently which resulted in damage to the flower beds in the yard.

There may be less power for the council to control clubs compared to bars and pubs.

Environmental health have been contacted a number of times.

David Howarth our MP said he is not able to help and suggested we contact the police.

CRC Development

Colin Rosenstiel has no news on this.

The impact of traffic on Newmarket Rd & Maids Causeway may be limited as there are already over 100 car parking spaces at the site.

Lynette Gilbert is heading the campaign on Riverside against the development.

From the Guildhall meeting Walnut Tree Avenue route for access is more likely compared to the other options. Riverside pressed for reduced traffic impact for example no parking at development.

Not clear when planning application will be submitted BruNK will wait until then.

Can BruNK become involved in the Riverside action group? The decision on traffic through Riverside will have an impact on the BruNK area.

BruNK could concentrate on design and visual impact.

Riverside has to deal with their issues; BruNK will take a view once plans are released, there may be a conflict.

Signs have been spotted on Riverside saying 'No Brunswick traffic on Riverside' or words to that effect.

Zebra Crossing

Council is looking into high visibility halo lights for the crossing like the ones on the Jesus Lock crossing.

The City Council should have carried out a proper survey of the site before making a decision.

Is there a problem with the street lights next to the crossing that makes it difficult to see?

Lights do seem to be inadequate and accidents seem to be the results of motorists not realising the crossing is there.

Lights would therefore seem to be the answer to some of the problems.

If these do not work perhaps a raised crossing could be considered.

There may also be an element of drivers not being used to the crossing yet.

Strawberry Fair

Julie Durrant has asked for feedback from residents to be presented at a meeting with the City Council and the organisers.

Martin Twiss has said he was happy with the outcome and organisation of the fair.

Position of the fair was better for the residents of Maid's Causeway

But there was a lot of air pollution especially on Friday from engine fumes etc.

Litter was still present today Monday and it seems unlikely that it will be fully cleared.

However organisers do seem to have made a greater effort this year.

Drunkenness seems to have got worse and special concern was expressed about underage drinkers.

The allotments between Newmarket Road and the common were in a much better condition than last year.

There seems to have been a larger police presence this year.

Can we ask what the cost to the City Council was this year. It is clear that the organisers have paid for lots of additional facilities like toilets and security.

The event has been listed (not advertised) in the Independent newspaper so has national coverage and cannot be classed any longer as a local event. Originally the fair was a family and children's events and it has moved away from this towards music.

Midsummer Fair

There has been no notice given of a meeting with organisers but if one is notified can a committee member attend?

The circus was going to be located on Lammas Land but the residents association objected and it has been relocated to Jesus Green. With the beer festival having just been held on Jesus Green the damage may be increased.

Jesus Green/Midsummer Common seems to be the option for many events where there is no alternative.

Midsummer Common Electric Gate

The electric gate may not be installed as FoMC did not like the idea.

EDF has not been able to provide a power supply and this will be expensive to install.

The gates themselves will be expensive to install and maintain as they often go wrong.

It is inevitable that deliveries have to be made to the Fort St George and Midsummer House.

So in conclusion electric gates may not be the answer.

FoMc have been looking at the legal position of vehicles on the common this is complex but there has recently been a test case elsewhere.

Is it up to the council to manage access? They have engaged their City Solicitor to establish legal position.

Ideally The Fort St George and Midsummer House should co-operate in the policing of vehicles but especially The Fort St George have not been doing this and there have been up to eight cars on the common at one time.

How many keys have been issued and can they be limited?

There was as a security lock but it has been broken off.

20 mph Speed Limit and HCV Ban

The signs are up for the HCV ban but policing will be minimal.

Residents could enforce this by noting vehicle number plates but these have to be of through vehicles not those delivering. There should be no deliveries to the Grafton Centre North after 6.30 p.m.

Whether the 20 mph limit, if ever introduced, could be policed was raised; RC will contact Colin or Tim about this.

Barbeque

Dave Sharman has been invited.(Napier Street resident), plus Colin & Joye, Mike Dixon and Tim Bick

SGR has booked the Burleigh Arms and they have been asked to send us a bill.

Can someone pass round the “hat” and SGR will bank the proceeds although she will be away.

Flier advertising should ask for donations SGR and LL will deliver these.

Any Other Business

CB notes that Joye Rosenstiel has been awarded position of honorary councilor we should invite her to the barbeque and congratulate her on her years of service CB has agreed to do **this**.

Next meeting will be moved from 6th October to 13th as a number of committee members will be away. It will be at 51 Maid’s Causeway.

Christmas drinks will be on 1st December preceded by a short committee meeting at 6.45 p.m.

Meeting closed.