



Ellesmere Park

Residents' Association

Minutes of Meeting of the Officers 1st February 2005

Present: David Yates, John Rabbitt, Bruce Thompson, Bob Berry, Terry McKnight, Ethel Glew, June Redhead.

Matters Arising From Open Meeting

Knotweed: Situation still not clear as to what action has been taken. Some knotweed has been cut down and we have been trying to establish whether it has been disposed of correctly. Bob will take this up and try and clarify where the programme is up to.

Social events: We had to cancel the jazz evening because of low numbers of ticket sales. A small loss ensued.

Chatsworth High & Oakwood Schools

The new schools opened on 5th.January, although the buildings were unfinished and the provision for car parking is proving insufficient. Open days are planned for shortly after Easter. The formal opening ceremony will be 15th June 5pm to 9pm.

June told us that plans are well advanced and funding is in place for a Festival of Arts, Drama and Creative Arts to be held for two weeks in June. This will coincide with an art exhibition at Eccles College on 16th.June. Terry agreed to put advance notice of the festival on the website and invite local residents to contribute in any way they can across the fields of arts, drama and music.

The festival will happen at the same time as Bike Week 11th. To 19th.June.

UDP Feedback

David reported that the joint presentation along with SOS to the inspector was a spectacular success and the 30 page presentation was very professional. The inspector was impressed with the strength of the case. Arrowcroft, acting for United Utilities will present their case on 15th.Feb and at 2pm Monday 21st.Feb, there will be a site inspection by the inspector starting at the top end of Campbell Road. EPRA are invited to send a representative.

The council want to retain the status as 'white space' (could be anything). Our delegation, including David & Bruce, wanted the designation changing to 'green space'. Significantly, Chris Findley said that he would have no objection to a green space status along with a Leap (Locally Equipped Area for Play).

We will get to know the result in the summer.

Bike Week

It was agreed that we would enter into the spirit of Bike Week by arranging a 3 mile round trip ending in a picnic or at a local pub with a beer garden. David will work out the route.

Neighbourhood Watch

We agreed to call an open meeting after Easter at the Sports Club and invite speakers from the Police and also an Insurance Company or broker and possibly a local alarm company. Bob mentioned the new locksmiths in Monton who might want to come along to advise on home security. Before the open meeting there was a need to prime local residents and seek to arrange a comprehensive network of home watch co-ordinators. We also need to find out what local schemes are about and seek to forge links with those.

Ethel agreed to take this forward and ring Fiona James, Police Co-ordinator.

Website

Terry asked for any information on local history for inclusion on the site.

Verge destruction by construction traffic

David will take photographs of damaged roads and pavements and submit these to the Highways Department who we think may be unaware of the extent of the damage.

Eccles College

The problem of student parking was discussed and we again bemoaned the lack of a cohesive transport plan by the College.

Current Planning Applications

Greenwood: We have been given the definitive development brief and Bob will arrange for a copy to be given to Terry for the website.

We have been given notification of a large number of new houses to be built on the industrial estate behind the former Texaco Garage on Monton Road.

53 Cavendish Rd (Planning App 04/49762): application to demolish the garage and build a detached house in the garden with a new access point onto Welbeck Road. We agreed that this was a gross over-development and EPRA (David) would object. Bob would ensure that local residents were aware of the application and he would also send in an objection.

13 Rutland Rd: proposal to build a large extension which would leave the property at 5 bedrooms with 4 en suites and also convert the garage into office space. We agreed that we would object as an association.

2 Victoria Rd: wall built without planning permission and retrospective permission was being sought. We are objecting on the grounds that the new wall encroaches on the highway, the pillars jut out and are dangerous and the wall is unsightly. Hannah Rogers from Highways is to visit.

14 Victoria Rd: the building of flats in the garden is now going ahead as the objections has been turned aside by the inspector.

1 Victoria Road: David is to find out what the current situations is. We had originally agreed to the proposals.

Gatehouse, bottom of Stafford Road: we agreed that a gate across the passageway to the right of the property would be a great idea. Bob knows an architectural sculptor who has already completed some metal artwork at the new Oakwood School and David will approach the local authority to say that we would be willing to commit some funds to the project.

13 Ellesmere Road: the erection of a single storey extension has been completed and we all agreed had enhanced the property.
Worsley Golf Course: application to build a 1.8m fence around the whole course has been withdrawn after numerous protests.

Social Events

John will e-mail Clare Sinclair to suggest some sort of family orientated event for around the first two weeks of July.

Treasurer's Report

Out of 130 new standing order forms sent out regarding the increase in subscriptions, 90 have been returned. It was agreed that this was a good response rate and John would chase up the recalcitrants.

John produced a balance sheet showing that as at 31/12/2004, we had a closing balance of £2,100.62 which was £29.04 up on the figure as at the start of the year.

Date of next meeting

Purely to discuss the proposed revised Development Control Policy, David, John, Bruce and Bob will meet on Thursday 24th.Feb at 7.30pm.