



Ellesmere Park

Residents' Association

Minutes of Meeting of Officers 2nd June 2005

Present: David Yates, John Rabbitt, Bruce Thompson, Bob Berry, Terry McKnight, Ethel Glew, Jackie Hamilton

Greenwood Site

Jackie told us that, after the intervention of the owners of the house at the end of Allington Drive, Miller Homes had submitted amended plans which would involve the removal of two mature silver birch trees. Jackie was under the impression that whichever set of plans had the approval of the majority of local residents would be the final choice, although now that the revised plans have been submitted, then this is possibly in doubt. Miller Homes will be sending three representatives to the open meeting, John Gilman, John Barnes (Technical Manager) and Nigel Ward (Design Manager).
Jack & Kath Judge have sent their apologies for the open meeting.

Mobile Phone Mast

No further news.

Knotweed

Bob will contact the local authority to check on progress with the treatment and alert them to the patch of Knotweed off Bradford Road.

Homewatch

Ethel had been in contact with the new Community PC Dave Gillin. Dave will be along to speak at the open meeting.

Bike Week

Pedalling picnic scheduled for Sunday 19th.June. Not many responses, but will advertise at the open meeting.

Voluntary Code of Good Behaviour for Builders

Bruce is co-ordinating efforts and is to come up with a suggested form of words which will go to all other Community Committees for comment. The aim is to have the same code adopted throughout the City and approved by the City Council.

Website

Terry said that the site needs freshening up and he will do some re-designing and update the planning applications section. The last reliable count showed over 3,500 visitors to the site, some from as far afield as Canada.

Gate Stafford Road/Victoria Road

David will attend a meeting with Julie Blagden at 10am Tuesday 28th.June. Hopefully this can be re-arranged as a site visit.

Treasurer's Report

Balance £2,865.65 including some funding for the Roman Road.

Current Planning Applications

38A Victoria Crescent: application to demolish two old wooden garages and build a small detached house. Ongoing, concern over parking provision.

53 Cavendish Rd (Planning App 04/49762): application to demolish the garage and build a detached house in the garden: Refused, local residents are very pleased with this decision.

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. David wrote and the reply was that the legal position was being looked into. David will again contact the planning officer for an up-date.

11-15 Sandwich Road: the faced retention scheme is still on the cards, no further developments.

Pathway to Playing Fields

Bruce still pursuing.

SOS Fun Day

Sunday 17th.July: £500 funding secured from Eccles Community Committee. Bruce will liaise with Gordon from SOS to see what role we have been allocated. Bruce will also ask SOS to send a representative to the open meeting.

Roman Road

John will send Terry a summary for the website. Great progress all round, £500 funding allocated by Eccles Community Committee and donations by Miller Homes and Hurstwood Developments. Two 'geophysics' surveys have identified the road across Three Sisters and Monton Primary. Six schools are involved and the first of the school groups will start to dig on 29th June.

John has contacted Channel 4 Time Team and kept them up to date with the results of the survey. They are impressed and there are high hopes that we will be included in the filming.

Local Development Scheme

Nothing further heard from Chris Findley after he acknowledged our ideas document some months ago. David will chase the matter.

Agenda for Open Meeting

Agreed topics as per attachment.

Eccles Station

David will attend a regional transport meeting in three weeks and it was agreed that the single issue aim of trying to get more through trains to stop at Eccles should have our backing. The pressure group to be called Friends of Eccles Station 'Freccles'.

Date of next meeting

Left in abeyance until after the open meeting.