



Ellesmere Park

Residents' Association

Minutes of Meeting of Officers 13th December 2005

Present: David Yates, John Rabbitt, Bruce Thompson, Bob Berry, Ethel Glew, Claire Sinclair. Apologies received from Terry McKnight.

11-15 Sandwich Road

David & John visited at the invitation of the builders and were disappointed to be told that an application had been made for two extra flats to the rear/at the top of the property. Amended plans were shown to immediate neighbours and there were no objections however.

Greenwood School Site

Work is well underway and there have been no further comments from those directly affected.

Planning Applications

41 Stafford Road (Ref 05/51742/OUT): garden infill application. We will object as an association and David will meet a local co-ordinator, David Whalan, to pass on the information. We are concerned about setting a precedent and the Council would find it difficult to turn down similar applications for infill in the gardens all along this stretch of Stafford Road potentially destroying the character of the area.

27 Westminster Road: proposal to extend to the boundary. We agreed to object as this would be contra to the council's guidelines 9.1 as it could

appear that housing had become terraced. Also we were concerned that it would affect the amenities of neighbours.

13 Rutland Road: Original proposal had been rejected on the basis of character, design and the fact that it would seriously affect the amenities of neighbours.

2 Victoria Road: Retrospective planning application has been made re the boundary wall which we feel encroaches on the footpath and extends beyond the boundary. John will take forward.

Three Sisters

In need of a clean-up and the Rutland Road/Stafford Road corner needs landscaping. A week of events is to be planned for Spring and Bruce will take forward.

Monton Road Traffic Calming Proposals

Bob mentioned a recent newspaper article re a new report on the effectiveness of 'psychological traffic calming works'. The report can be read on the Transport Research Laboratory website www.trl.co.uk

David will email Maxine Coyle to make her aware of this.

Cycle Route Progress

No progress reported.

Social Events

Claire reported an excellent response to the first planned theatre trip to the panto at the Lowry with 30 taking up tickets. Everyone was agreed that a similar theatre trip aimed at the 'grown-ups' for the summer would be worth investigating. Claire will take this forward.

Newsletter

A full distribution to be planned for February to contain details of recent success stories and planned events. Also to include mention of 'Freccles' (Friends of Eccles Station) and a standing order mandate to attract new members. John to take forward.

Homewatch

Details of Ethel's Homewatch achievements to go into the newsletter.

Local Development Scheme

Bob to make contact again with Anthony Stephenson. (Subsequently, contact has been made and Anthony is planning to hold an open meeting early in the New Year).

Pathway to Playing Fields

Bruce advised that work has started to widen and strengthen the path, a good success.

Considerate Contractors Scheme

Bruce is progressing matters.

Monton Walkway

Plans have been drawn up and funding is being sought. We are hoping that work to widen, raise and improve the pathway will commence in 2006. EPRA is working in conjunction with Monton Village Community Association with the aim of improving this area and also Quaker Bridge with better lighting, more litter bins, heritage signage, pruning of trees/shrubs.

SOSCA News

Swinton's Open Space Community Association have produced a great newsletter putting forward their vision for a country park incorporating a children's play area and wildlife preserve. Visit their website for more detail www.swintonopenspace.co.uk

Date of next meeting

TBA mid February.

