

SGRA Minutes of Meeting
Held on Monday 1st September 2008
At 7pm in the Brandling Villa Public House

Apologies

Siobhan O'Brien, Chris Higham, Ian & Janet Fraser, Paul & Hazel Spicer

People Present

Jerry Ruddick, Norma Shannon, Irene Matthewson, Sheila Parks, Sonia Bradley, Gordon Robinson, Denis & Yvonne Niblett

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes for July 2008 were agreed as a true record.

Update on Action Points/Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Young People in the Area/Skateboard Park

Jerry informed the group that Skateboard Monies were given back to the Council, at the last Ward Meeting. The Skateboarders have actually raised their own funds.

The old football ground at Christon Road is a possible site for a skateboard park.

Land to the Front of Mildene House - Kirby Shop

This was brought up at the Ward Meeting. Gordon informed the meeting that the land is owned jointly by Northumberland County Council and Your Homes Newcastle. It is leased by Mildene Home and they cannot sell it.

There are still issues around the bin being left on the public highway – Gordon has kindly offered to write to Anchor Housing about this issue.

Action Point: Gordon

Overhanging Bushes – Mildene Home

It appears that the bushes have been treated it looks as if with weed killer. The bushes that are overhanging still need to be cut.

Jerry will bring this up at the next Ward Meeting.

Action Point: Jerry

SGRA Website

Jerry advised the meeting that he wants to identify as to where the problem is in using the web-shop, he will contact Thompson's in due course to inform them the link is not working.

Action Point: Jerry

Post Office – Gosforth High Street/Garden Village

It was confirmed that the Post Office on the High Street is not to close.

The Garden Village Post Office is still fighting to keep open.

Planning Application Bedi's Shop

No further news about the above shop changing to a Dentist.

It was also noted that a planning application has also gone in to convert the current Meditation Centre back into a residential letting.

Tree Protection Order

Gordon is still to act on this point.

Feedback from meetings attended

Gosforth Agency Partnership

Jerry was invited to attend the above gathering of organisations in Newcastle and Gosforth to get together and swap ideas, network etc. This was held at the Trinity Church, Gosforth.

Items brought up at the Ward Meeting

Recycling Bins outside the South Gosforth Metro Station/

Jerry brought this up at the Ward Meeting and was informed, the recycling bins had been taken away as South Gosforth Station is a strategic station and the risk from Terrorism is higher so there are no plans for them to be put back at this station.

Bollards on Station Road

The SGRA thanked the Council for the installation of bollards on Station Road.

Jerry also advised that a request had been made to remove the old washing pole from the green outside the Ridgewood Gardens Flats.

Withdrawal of no 33 Bus

Managers from Nexus were present at the Ward Meeting. The No 33 Bus is to be withdrawn; local residents are against this proposal.

Health Centres

There are plans to build a new Health Centre on the Great North Park. There will also be one in the East and West of the City.

It was felt that the following questions should be brought up at the next Ward Meeting about the Health Centre on the Great North Park:-

- a. What public transport is available to get people to this new Health Centre?
- b. The meeting felt it needed to be more central and accessible.

Newsletter Feedback – Seating on the Green

Jerry mentioned there had only been one reply to the question of more seating on the Green. It was decided that the seating would not be explored further.

Jerry thanked everyone who had helped with the delivery of the Newsletter.

Gordon had delivered copies to the streets on other side of Station Road as promised this meant that a total of 850 copies had been delivered in this area.

Ridgewood Gardens Reconstruction & Resurfacing

Jerry informed the meeting of the time frames around the planned work above:-

Ridgewood Gardens will be cut off from 8th September 2008 for approx. 2 months; access for residents will be available but controlled.

Bollards need to be installed at the end of Ridgewood Gardens; this is because of one attempts of a taxi trying to cross the Green and another vehicle trying to get access to the back of Ridgewood Gardens flats.

Jerry advised the meeting that he e-mailed the council to suggest that they put information about the work to be delivered to residents rather than put notices on lampposts.

Joint East & West Gosforth & Parklands Ward Committee Meeting

Jerry informed the meeting that the above will take place on 4th September 2008 at 6.30pm if anyone wishes to attend they would be welcome.

Trees on the Green

Gordon & Jerry met with the Council and Jesmond Dene Nursing and looked at different types of trees. The Council will draw a circle round the area where the goal posts will be put and check with residents that they are OK with this, and then they will be planted.

Parking Traffic Management in the area.

Gordon, Irene and Denis raised concerns about the amount of parked cars in the area.

There are a number of concerns i.e. vans being parked on the corner of Field Street. Gordon has raised the possibility of double yellow lines being put in place at the Ward Meeting. More and more people are noted to be parking on Hunters Road, they do not live there and appear to park their cars and then walk to their place of work.

People are parking nearer the exit/roundabout and this is causing problems for drivers exiting and entering Hunters Road. It was noted that pedestrians have difficulty using the paths in several areas as cars are parked on the same, at times pedestrians have to walk on the road.

Overall the meeting felt that a parking/traffic management plan needed to be looked at for the whole area.

Jerry has agreed to bring this up at the next Ward Meeting.

Action Point:

AOB

Overhanging trees to the back of the Brandling Villa Pub

Jerry had looked into this, the land is privately owned however Jerry passed the request on to Envirocall to see if this could be resolved or not.

Hunters Court

People were advised to log onto the Envirocall site via the Civic Centre website and this will give them information about what is being done in the area. Or ring Envirocall and log any jobs that need doing, this will mean the Council have a list of issues and this may help with funding in the future.

Wheelibin Recycling /Garden Waste Collection

Denis pointed out that there are two collections every week for different bins. He has noted that the empty bins are often blown/scattered across the pavement/road making it difficult to get up and down the street. He wishes to propose that the Council consider co-ordination collection times better to help resolve this problem.

Jerry will bring this up at the next Ward Meeting.

Action Point: Jerry

Post box at the top of Field Street

Irene mentioned that the Post Box at the top of Field Street has not been moved to its correct position as promised.

Jerry will bring this up again at the next Ward Meeting.

Action Point: Jerry

Date & time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6th October 2008 at 7pm in the Brandling Villa Pub.