

SGRA Annual General Meeting 15.9.2005 at St Nicholas Church Community Hall

Present at meeting:

- Jerry Ruddick, Chair
- Jo Adamczyk, Secretary
- Peter Arnold, Local Councillor
- Annabel McKinnon, East Gosforth Coordinator
- Dave Roberts, Response Manager
- PC Barry Gibson
- Helen Anderson, William Street
- Eleanor Dinnis, William Street
- Anne Robinson, Ridgewood Crescent
- Ruth Hughes, Ridgewood Gardens
- John Macauley, Hunters Road
- Mark Owen, Hunters Road
- Chris Gooday, Hunters Road
- Pat MacDonald, Hunters Court
- Caroline Simpson, Percy Terrace
- Siobhan O'Brien, Percy Terrace
- Irene Mathison , Field Street

1. Chairman's report: available separately.

2. Agreement of minutes of 2004 AGM: agreed.

3. Treasurer's report: available separately.

4. SGRA wanted to record our thanks for the sterling efforts of Annabel McKinnon and Dave Roberts and also thanked them for attending tonight's meeting. Also extended our thanks to PC Gibson.

5. Re: Brandling licencing application: a satisfactory result in that although a limited extension was granted, this was within reason and in line with that granted to the other pubs in the area. Grateful for the sense of the licencing committee and the police, also encouraging that the Spirit Group representatives seemed amenable to compromise and welcomed any concerns being raised.

6. Wrendale House aka NOMAD housing:

PA outlined the current position – essentially that Persimmon Homes have bought the land and have planning permission so are entitled to access. He also outlined the Persimmon preferred option to access the site via a temporary route from the end of Ridgewood Gardens across the back of the flats.

The residents attending the meeting raised a number of concerns regarding access to the site from either route as neither is satisfactory from the residents' point of view.

Concerns included:

- The highly congested state of Field Street, William Street ;
- Existing over use, inconsiderate and illegal parking on and around Percy Terrace;
- Congestion and poor access via the roundabouts, particularly at present due to road-works;
- Residents' opinion that the planning application was granted without proper consultation with local residents;
- Over development of an already densely populated area;
- No planning gain attached the granting of the planning permission;
- the existence of 2 capped off mine shafts and an electricity sub-station on the proposed Ridgewood Gardens access route;
- Access to the field being disrupted;
- Disturbance to the flat residents(either route);
- Road safety issues for children and elderly residents in particular;
- aggravating already acute parking problems (either route).

Please note the above is a summary of the discussion.

PA suggested that a public meeting be arranged with the developers, council officers and other interested parties. AMcK was asked to organise this and suitable venues were discussed, AMcK also to produce a leaflet for issue to the local area.

Office holders:

- Jerry Ruddick re-elected as chair;
- Jo Adamczyk re-elected as secretary;
- Gordon Robinson elected as treasurer in his absence.

Date and time of next meeting: dates are October 5th and November 2nd and 7th of

December, venue to be confirmed.