

## **SGRA Meeting 1.8.2005, The Victory**

Present at meeting: Jerry Ruddick, Clare Shakespeare Watts, Colin Walmsley, Andrew Watts, Annabel McKinnon, Robin Longworth, Helen Nickson (Your Homes Newcastle), Pat McDonald, Gordon Robinson, Joanne Adamczyk

- 1 Apologies: Karen McMaster.
- 2 Agreement of minutes of previous meeting: minutes agreed.
- 3 Action points/ updates:
  - AMc advised that gullies were checked and Dave Roberts will take forward.
  - GR contacted Peter Arnold re drains but they still need to be looked at properly.
  - AMc will raise again and suggested adding the issue onto the ward priority plan so that it can be thoroughly investigated.
  - Stairs up to the green have now been cleared of rubbish and strimming of the edges done.

- 4 Feedback from meetings:  
JR attended Ward Committee meeting with 3 residents from William St flats who gave input to the ward councillors.

There was a rumour that the flats are due for demolition – PA advised that this is incorrect and that the housing is classed as sustainable social housing.

Tim Hutton, the community housing manager invited to attend the SGRA meeting is on leave so Helen Nickson kindly agreed to attend.

Drinking/litter on green: RL raised concerns about late night disturbances on the green: concerned that the police response was not quick enough to catch the offenders. HN advised that there is a Nightwatch scheme for anti-social behaviour which may be more responsive – 0845 605 2222 (Thurs to Sat, 8pm – 4 am).

NOMAD housing: limited consideration given to access to site. Councillors are keen to have some traffic management strategy in place before any problems arise. The theory is a working group of planning and highways: AMc has asked for feedback on this and asked Mike Cookson to keep her informed.

- 4 Action plans for green:  
3 items: trees in triangle at top of Ridgewood Gardens;  
planters to be provided – containers and bins.

- 5 Newsletter: to deliver on 18 August and posters to be produced as well.
- 6 Speeding: Ridgewood gardens and Field Street: if a blitz on dangerous/ inconsiderate parking is required, contact PA / Mike Cookson and copy to Inspector Ward expressing concerns about parking – need liaison with planning and highways.  
AMc offered to contact supervisors of the local beat officers re Tenerife Buildings (eves) and Field St (daytime). AMc also advised that consideration was being given to a 20MPH limit through the whole ward.
- 7 AOB: Treasurer: CSW wishes to step down from her role as treasurer. Our thanks for her work over the last few years. GR offered to take over the post if there were no other interested parties ( the room fell strangely silent at this point). GR's appointment to be proposed at the AGM.
- 8 Date and time of next meeting: The Victory, 7pm, Wednesday 7 September.