

## **SGRA MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006**  
**AT 7PM IN THE VICTORY PUBLIC HOUSE**

### **Apologies**

Annabel McKinnon, Peter Arnold, Mike Cookson, Siobhan O'Brien, Ruth Hughes, Pat McDonald, Colin Walmsley, Norma Shannon, Sheila Parks.

### **People Present**

Jerry Ruddick, Irene Matthewson, Sonia Bradley, Gordon Robinson, Paul & Hazel Spicer, Brian Moore, Dave Roberts, Abigail McDonald.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

### **Updates on Action Points from Previous Meeting**

#### **Bowes Court**

The meeting asked if new streetlights could be considered for this area. Dave informed the meeting that new lighting is usually considered when new tarmac is being laid. It is hoped that the whole ward will be having new lights in approx. 18 months.

#### **Steps leading down from field**

The steps have been cleaned and Jerry thanked Dave for this.

#### **Mildene Home – cut through**

The shrubbery has now been cut down in this area thanks to the Rapid Response Team – Jerry thanked Dave.

#### **Website – Links**

Jerry informed the meeting that if anyone was planning a holiday and they were to use Thomson Holiday's then using the link from our website would mean SGRA receive a considerable contribution.

#### **Ridgewood Crescent**

Colin raised concerns at the last meeting about the state of the roads and pavements in Ridgewood Crescent - Dave has requested that Colin take him round to point out the areas of concern.

**Action Point: Dave/Colin**

## Hunters Court

Concerns were raised at the last meeting about the road breaking up around drain areas – Pat has agreed to take Dave around the area to find out what the problems are.

**Action Point: Dave/Pat**

## Feedback from Meetings Attended

### Persimmons/Wrendale House

The meeting acknowledged that Persimmons have put up new notices. These are much clearer in directing vehicles and personnel on how and where to access the site. However, the meeting felt that the notices at the bottom of Hunters Road were still misleading.

All residents have now received a letter from both Persimmon and the Council with up to date information about the development.

There were some initial teething problems when a vehicle drove over the grass verge and Persimmon has responded promptly by erecting barriers along the verge. A JCB digger drove along William Street and the driver was reprimanded.

The perimeter fence has now been modified.

It was noted that contingencies plans need to be drawn up to address issues that arise outside of normal working hours.

## Website Funding

Jerry informed the meeting that we have received our first cheque from the website totalling £30.64. Another sponsor has also signed up – AM Live.

Jerry thanked Abigail who has set up a link to the High West Jesmond Association website, in turn we have provided a link to their website.

## Ward Committee Meeting Attendees

Jerry had requested that the Ward Meeting dates be changed as it coincides with the SGRA meeting. The meeting suggested that the SGRA change the date of their meeting in January to enable Jerry to attend the Ward meeting on 8:01:07 – the meeting agreed – a list of 2007 SGRA meetings is at the end of these minutes.

## Environmental Forum

Dave has been asked to set up an Environmental Forum who will meet 3-4 times a year as a way of giving feedback from local residents to the council on environmental issues.

There is currently a questionnaire being sent to residents asking for their opinions of how waste should be managed in the future. This will go towards informing the future strategy.

Dave will be the Chairman of the Environmental Forum and asked for volunteers – anyone interested should contact Dave.

**Action Point: Dave/Residents**

Abigail mentioned Composting bins – people interested in further information can look this up on the West Jesmond Residents Association Website via the link on our website.

**SGRA The Olden Days**

Jerry has recently received all the old papers and SGRA minutes from Joanne, which date back to the 1950's. It was interesting to note that issues raised then are very little different to the issues being raised today. Jerry is going to collate the old minutes and anyone interested in reading them to contact him.

**Action Point: Jerry for 2007**

**Roundabouts Competition**

No one has entered this competition as yet however we have confirmation as to what year the roundabouts were installed. The cheque for £25.00 is still waiting to be issued to a winner.

**Any Other Business**

**Bollards to Field**

The meeting raised concern that vehicles had accessed the green via the Milldene entrance and driven across the field and path to access a property. Dave suggested removable bollards to try and prevent this problem re-occurring. The field belongs to Your Homes Newcastle and there are no access rights to cars.

**Action Point: Dave/Jerry**

**Grove Park**

It was also noted that someone has backed onto the green section.

**Ilford Road**

New pedestrian crossings have not improved issues in this area. Abigail asked if the scheme could be reviewed.

**Action Point: Dave/Abigail**

**Traffic Lights – outside the Victory public House.**

Jerry raised this issue at the Ward Meeting.

**South Gosforth Metro Station – Pedestrian Crossing**

Gordon raised concerns about the lack of pedestrian crossings over the main road from the South Gosforth Metro Station. Jerry will bring this up at the next Ward meeting.

**Action Point: Jerry**

### Wagon Way – Lottery Fund Bid

This was first discussed in May 06. Unfortunately Dave informed the meeting that they had not been successful in bidding for monies. However, Dene Ward is planning to spend money on the Wagon Way and is also looking to involve local schools etc.

### Ridgewood Gardens – Trees

Jerry enquired about replacing 2 trees in this area. Dave feels it would be appropriate to consider this once building work has been completed on Wrendale house around Sept 07.

### **Action Point: Dave**

It was also noted that some shrubs have been transplanted from the Wrendale House site to elsewhere in the local vicinity. Jerry thanked Dave for this.

### Water Browser

A water browser is now onsite at Wrendale House to clean off any mud on the vehicles in an attempt to keep the surroundings roads free of mud.

### Drains

It was noted that the drains in Field Street are blocked again and that water pours down the walls of the Tenerife buildings and down the back lane of Field Street. This will need to be kept an eye on as well as any potential problems that may arise from the building site.

### **Date and Time Next Meetings**

Ward Committee Meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 – 7pm St. Nicholas Parish Church Hall Annexe, Station Road, Gosforth.

### **SGRA Meetings:-**

Monday 15:01:07 - 7pm – The Victory

Monday 5:02:07 – 7pm - The Victory

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Jerry thanked all the residents for there support over the last year.