

SGRA Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 2nd September 2007

At the Victory Public House

Welcome

Jerry welcomed everyone to the meeting; also a very special welcome was made to Ann Hogg.

Apologies

Sonia Bradley, Paul & Hazel Spicer, Brian Moore.

People Present

Colin Walmsley, Pat Mc Donald, Irene Matthewson, Ann Hogg, Jerry Ruddick, Gordon Robinson and for a short while with a special guest star appearance was Dave Roberts.

Minutes of Previous meeting

Were agreed.

Update on action points from previous meeting

Loose paving stones on Ouseburn Bridge, this was a problem but with the recent works being carried out by the gas board most of the slabs have been taken up. We await the outcome after the Gas Company reinstates the pavement after they are finished working on the bridge.

A question was raised regarding recycling at the William Street flats, Ann Hogg will investigate, Pat also made a request regarding recycling at Hunters Court, Ann will include this as well.

Wrendale Court (the new name for the flats being built) was mentioned as well with regards to recycling facilities.

Re seating on the green. It was felt that there was enough at present.

It was noted that the stairs from the green down to Station Road do not get cleaned on a regular cycle. It was requested that the stairs be included in a more regular cleaning plan. Ann Hogg will pass our concerns to the NRM.

Irene asked about the proposed Launderette change of use into an Italian bistro, i.e. licence details we hope to find out more in due course!

The Newsletter was printed and delivered locally by members of the committee.

The pedestrian crossing outside the Brandling Villa pub has been sorted.

It was noted that the post storage box which was moved from Percy Terrace, has been reinstalled in a bad spot at the top of Field Street, which now partially blocks the pavement. Ann Hogg is to contact the Postal authority about moving it on to Bowsden Terrace.

It was decided to have the AGM at St Nicholas church hall instead of South Gosforth Club.

The kerbstone outside no 17 Gosforth Terrace has still not been repaired,

Action Point

Feedback from Meetings attended

Jerry and Gordon attended the Ward committee meeting which was on the 9th of July. Jerry brought up the condition of the pavements at the roundabouts and was advised that the budget have to be shared out with 26 other wards as well. He also asked about the licence at the old Launderette, What was the outcome and also the fact that it was very unclear and confusing, hopefully there will be an update for the next meeting.

Also the manageress from Sainsbury's was there who gave a detailed talk and took questions regarding the new store which was opened on the 23rd August. They expect that their deliveries will be from 5am to 7am and 7pm till 9pm at night.

Feedback from the Newsletter (3 replies were received)

Jerry had a telephone call from a resident on Ridgewood Crescent, re the land outside the Milldene care home, her view was to "Pave it over and it would look better"
It was discussed the possibility of bollards be placed in this area so that it would stop vehicles from parking here.

Action Point

An e-mail was received from a resident living in Tweedmouth Court flats asking about recycling for cans, bottles and other plastics, and asked if we could shine any light on the removal of the recycling bins outside the Metro Station. **(Action Point) also mentioned under AOB**

Jerry advised the resident that the nearest facility for this was at Asda, the resident also made the comment ps **"good website by the way"**

An e-mail was also received from a resident of Freeman Road regarding people parking in their unadopted access lane at the rear of 52-56 Freeman Road.

As parking on Freeman Road is very restricted they have to park at the rear of their houses but due to non residents parking they find it very difficult to park themselves. They would like some signage alerting people to the fact that the lane needs to be free of indiscriminate parking on the grounds of safety, and would appreciate our support.

Jerry advised the meeting that Dave Roberts had emailed the resident to discuss the parking problems, Dave also stated that this may be an issue that he could raise with the Dene Ward Councillors.

Charity Commission

Jerry advised the meeting that he had finally managed to get all the records online and has submitted the Annual 2007 report so it should be easy to change the details if needed.

New Website

Jerry received a request for the SGRA to provide details of the groups activities to be included into a new website called www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/NE3. This was passed on however we don't seem to have been included perhaps we will be in by the next meeting.

Majestic Wine Warehouse

Jerry received a letter from the council planning department for a proposal for the erection of a Wine warehouse (Class A1) (351.07 sqm) and an application for outline development for Retail units (class A1) (511.56sqm) all with associated access car parking and landscaping. The location is to be at the Majestic Wine Warehouse and land to the North of Haddricks Mill Road.

Jerry passed this by email to all the members of the SGRA mailing list for consultation and advised of the deadlines should they wish to make an objection.

The meeting discussed the proposals but it was decided that we there would not be sufficient impact on our area for us to become involved.

Treasurers update

Gordon gave the details of our current bank balance which stands at £211.34. £30.00 having just been paid to Dave Dent the printer for the recent newsletter, we will make an application for funding at the next Ward Committee meeting in November.

AOB

The subject of the Milldene again was raised, it was pointed out that the land enclosed within the ranch fence is in fact private although there is a right of way. The public right of way is to the front of Dominoes Pizza which is the footpath. Ann stated that if there were

any questions regarding rights of way then these can be checked with Ken Dawson at the Civic Centre.

Gordon brought up a question regarding the condition of some properties on Station Road i.e. the old Post office and whether grants were available to revitalise the buildings.

Colin was approached by a resident from Ridgewood Crescent asking what had happened to the recycling bins outside the South Gosforth Metro Station.

Action Point

Colin presented a plan - drawing with the suggestion of some tree planting on the green with the possibility of using some as goal posts, the children in the area have been asking for goal posts for a very long time now, they were approached and asked as to what do they want? It comes as no surprise that this was the reply. The drawing was passed to Ann Hogg to explore the feasibility of this. Before any action would be taken there would be a consultation exercise carried out.

Jerry has received complaints from some residents that Persimmon have been making deliveries down Field Street breaking the licence agreement. Jerry expressed concern that with the current road-works at the roundabouts then access is extremely difficult at present however it was decided that this is an issue that will need to be addressed at the fortnightly meeting with the Council and Persimmon.

Action Point

It was pointed out that the large waste container outside the Milldene care home was obstructing the footpath.
This will need to be discussed further.

Jerry had been asked to raise the issue of the waste bin on Station Road by the seat as it seems to have relocated itself outside the bus stop. When people are using the seat outside there is nowhere for them to put their chip papers.

Action Point

Lastly Jerry advised the meeting about the conditions at the back of the flats in Ridgewood Gardens, he had met a resident and various concerns were noted. There was some discussion about the obsolete bin holders and the general status of the area. It was hoped that when the flats are to be renovated then this could be addressed if not sooner.

Date and time of next meetings

The AGM is to be held on the 17th September 2007 and our next monthly meeting is on the 1st of October.