

SGRA Meeting- Monday 4th September 2006 At The Victory Public House

Apologies

Jo Adamczyk, Dave Roberts

Present:

Jerry Ruddick, Gordon Robinson, Irene Matthewson, Sheila Park, Ruth Hughes, Paul & Hazel Spicer, Collin Walmsley, Pat McDonald, Sonia Bradley

Jerry welcomed Paul and Hazel to the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were not available for circulation however the following updates were given:-

Updates:-

- a. Cut through between Mildene Home and Tenerife Buildings – Possible lights to be installed.
- b. Paving has been re-laid outside Metro Bridge and Newsagents on Station Road.
- c. New water pipes fitted at Bowsden Terrace have improved water pressure in surrounding area.
- d. Splash guards on pathway towards the Victory Pub have made a big difference – Gordon has spoken to Dave Roberts and requested that this be extended a further 2 metres.

Action by: Gordon

- e. Continued problems with blocked drains outside Lord Tool Hire.

Action by: Jerry

- f. Field Street, Bowden Terrace and Hunters Road need a Traffic Management Programme of some kind. Concerns were expressed that cars parked on Hunters Road near the roundabout were causing an obstruction and possible double yellow lines may resolve this.

Hunters Court - the road is breaking up especially around drain areas.

Action by: Jerry Ruddick to bring this up at the Ward Meeting on Monday 11th September 2006.

- g. Wrendale House – No further developments on this at present.

Meetings Attended

None attended.

Centre for Life

Jerry has been invited to attend a meeting with Abigail McDonald of High West Jesmond RA, it has been organised by the Home Office involving young people in the community.

Ward Meeting

Jerry and Gordon to attend the above to be held on Monday 11th September 2006 from 7pm at Memorial Hall – everyone welcome (These meetings are usually held the 2nd Monday every other month).

Website and Funding

Jerry informed the meeting that there has been a further donation of £31.06.

We also have our first sponsor – JPC Joinery.

Newsletter

Jerry proposed making the next Newsletter in colour (at an extra cost of £25.00) – the meeting agreed.

Jerry proposed a new picture be used depicting the double junction at the bottom of Station Road. This picture is from October 1957 and can be purchased from The Journal for £75 which means SGRA can use this image as often as they want – the meeting agreed.

This picture is to be used for a competition to raise funds and create further interest in the Website. To win the competition people will need to answer the question:-

‘What year were the two roundabouts put in at the South Gosforth Junction?’.

Jerry will check the correct dates with Ray Harding.

Action By: Jerry

Collin proposed taking a picture of the same area from now as a ‘Then and Now’ article.

Action by: Collin

Trees at Ridgewood Gardens

Two trees have been snapped in the triangle due to vandalism. Jerry has spoken to Dave Roberts about replacing them as October is the start of the new planting season. Collin also requested a further two trees be planted to the entrance of Ridgewood Crescent.

Action by: Jerry

Hazel mentioned that trees on Ridgewood Crescent are causing the paving to become damaged, however, there appears to be a preservation order on these. The question was raised about how preservation orders can be obtained, especially as the trees in question are Sycamores and not a rare specimen.

Break In

Jerry informed the meeting he was a victim of a break in on 2nd August 2006. Perpetrator climbed in through a small front window and took the house and car keys. Fortunately nothing was taken from the house but his mother’s car was taken from outside – this has since been recovered.

Jerry wanted to point out the difficulties he had with the insurance company and to pass on that the only window that can be left open during the night is the bedroom window in the room you occupy so as not to invalidate your insurance.

Tenerife Buildings

Pat has been in touch with the Owner of this complex (Anthony Potts). He is keen to engage in helping to tidy up the area, however, he made it clear he is only responsible for the Buildings and the car park. Tony was clear that the rest of the area was the Council's responsibility i.e. fencing.

It was noted that the council have replaced some of the fencing and that proposals to have steps down from the car park have been rejected in the past because of access problems for people with disabilities.

The triangle at the back of the cut through opposite Mildene remains problematic in attracting rubbish and is generally unsightly. Pat has been trying to manage the bushes and tidy up the area. She had spoken to Mildene who were grateful for her help, indicating they thought they owned that area. Jerry requested the telephone number for Anthony Potts and will try to clarify this.

Action by: Jerry/Pat

The meeting felt putting a permanent path through this triangle would not be advisable as skateboarders use this area and this would give them a direct route to the cut through. It was suggested that bark or chippings be laid instead to create a path but deter skateboards from using it.

Action by: Jerry

Any Other Business

Steps from Station Road to South Gosforth Club

Gordon & Sheila raised concerns that despite recent installations of rubbish bins, these steps are often strewn with rubbish which becomes slippery when wet. The question was raised about how often these steps are brushed/cleaned. This could be brought up at the Ward Meeting.

Action by: Jerry/Gordon

Kitchen Waste Pipes – Ridgewood Gardens Flats

Sheila expressed concerns that the waste pipes leading from the kitchens smell foul. Jerry to bring this up at the Ward Meeting.

Action by: Jerry/Gordon

AGM

The AGM is to be held on Thursday 28th September 2006 from 7pm in St. Nicholas Church Hall, there will be wine and nibbles – everyone welcome. – Collin and Ruth have already given apologies.

Jerry asked Pat to enquire if the time could be extended to 9pm and check out if there would be any additional costs.

Action by: Pat

Trustees

As members have left the SGRA it has been necessary to invite other people to become members of the Board of Trustees to ensure we remain within the guidelines of a registered charity.

Jerry wished to thank Andrew and Clare for their contributions and it is known that Joanne will be stepping down as secretary at the AGM.

Gordon has taken up the post of Treasurer.

The following people have been added to the Board of Trustees:-

Irene Matthewson
Sheila Park
Gordon Robinson
Sonia Bradley

Jerry also proposed that Ruth Hughes become a Trustee – this will be clarified at the next meeting.

Action by: Jerry

Planters

Gordon raised the issue that we should consider approaching the Council to be included in next years flower displays. It was felt that we had faired poorly compared to other areas of the city and that hanging baskets and further planters could be proposed for our area. Health and Safety issues would need to be taken into consideration about where these additional items would be placed.

Action by: Jerry/Gordon

Ridgewood Crescent

Collin raised concerns about the roads and pavement in this area which has been seen by the Council who felt no further work needed to be carried out. Collin disagrees with this decision and will try and attend the Ward Meeting to raise the issue, however, if he cannot attend he has requested that Jerry or Gordon mention the same.

Action by: Collin/Jerry/Gordon

Herald and Post Free Publication

Concerns were raised that part of the Ward are not included on the distribution list for this publication. Gordon is often contacted by the publication to check he is receiving delivery and will raise the question of distribution next time.

Action by: Gordon

Dropped Kerbs

Sheila raised the issue that the dropped kerbs promised by Your Homes Newcastle/Council have not been done. Jerry will raise this at the Ward Meeting.

Action by: Jerry

Gambling Act 2005

Jerry has been sent a copy of the above act. People to contact Jerry if they want to look at the same. It will be kept for reference purposes.

Newsletter

This will be delivered 11th – 12th September 2006.

Date and time of meetings

Ward Meeting – Monday 11th September 2006 – 7pm St Nicholas Community Hall, Gosforth

AGM – Thursday 28th September 2006 - 7pm – 9pm, St. Nicholas Community Hall, Station Road –
Councillors Peter Arnold, Mike Cookson and David Slesenger have also been invited. Collin and Ruth
gave apologies as they will not be able to attend.

SGRA – Monday 6th November 2006 – 7pm the Victory Pub

Monday 4th December 2006 – people are invited to Jerry’s house for nibbles and a get together after the
meeting.