

Old Chesterton Residents' Association

Minutes of committee meeting held on

27th March 2012

1. **Present** Clive Brown (Chair), Chris Dommett (Treasurer), Susan Webster (Secretary), Michael Bond (Planning Matters), Jeanne Underwood, Diana Kazemi, Lisa Bucholz, Tom Maddox, Alyson Suthers, Clare Blair, Ian Manning
2. **Apologies** Roman Znajek, Luther Phillips, Gerri Bird
3. **Minutes** Accepted as a correct record
4. **Matters arising**
 - 5.2 Brochure – the final draft is ready to go to the printers – thanks to all for who offered input
 - 5.4 Website – Clive, Chris and Sue met and did a general overhaul of the website, which is now available for comments from committee members.

Address lists – Lisa has a list of contacts made at last year's Annual Meeting – this will be consolidated with all other important and useful contacts – Sue to keep this up to date – the email addresses will be used to pass on information as required.
5. **Finance**
 - 5.1 Cheque received from CCA for £588, in part as payment for hire of St Andrew's Hall for last year's AGM – the remainder, £465, to be spent or assigned by Friday 30th March (end of financial year) – this can be used to pay for printing of the new brochure and insert for this year's flyer for the AGM. A quotation has been requested from Minuteman Printers – no reply yet.
 - 5.2 £24.20 to Michael Bond for payment for various expenses in connection to planning applications etc
6. **Annual Meeting 30th May 2012**
 - 6.1 Publicity – Brochures and inserted handout to be delivered to all local streets, appropriate shops, a Press Release to the Cambridge News and the Town Crier, (after letters of invitation have been sent out) . Clive to send out invitations to CPPF, Tim Ward, Tim Wotherspoon, Julian Huppert and any other useful contacts within the community, It is hoped to be able to arrange an interview with Lianne Ehrling of the Cambridge News, and also with Radio Cambridge. Another possibility would be John Elworthy , former editor of Cambridge First.
 - 6.2 The focus of the meeting will be on a Vision for the Local Neighbourhood, so it is hoped to entice people to come to give their hopes, views, interests and doubts about our

neighbourhood. It is hoped that Patsy Dell (Chief Planning Officer) might be persuaded to attend, or her deputy. Michael Bond has invited Patsy to attend.

It was agreed that Michael should find a competent facilitator who will be needed to run the session – perhaps John Elworthy, or (as a last resort at her request!) Clare Blair.

As far as the content of the session is concerned, it should be directed towards joining up all the local concerns – i.e. it should lead to the local plan, consider what to do with the information gained from the evening. The Press should be present if possible (?Lianne Ehrling). South Cambs DC should be represented as SCDC cannot be disconnected from Chesterton because of its immediate locality and associated problems.

One aim should be to encourage the setting up of a Community Assets Register – i.e. to designate buildings and land (e.g. green spaces) which the community wish to preserve.

Questions should be raised such as “What do you know about your own neighbourhood?” and “What do you want for your neighbourhood?”

6.3 As at last year’s Meeting, all committee members should bring along a bottle of wine – Michael will organise tea, coffee etc .

Chris Dommett will contact a harpsichordist as the warm-up act

6.4 Clive, Clare and Michael will meet to discuss the way in which the meeting should be arranged and run (Clive to arrange meeting) - a large map should be provided to enable people to orientate various locations in Chesterton and its environs.

7. North Area Committee - 7.1 Michael Bond has written a report on the Fen Road Steering Committee Meeting held on 22nd March and also the full North Area Committee Meeting held on 24th March . Both meetings had common purpose which is to push forward for solutions to the inter-twining problems relating to Fen Road and the new Chesterton (?Science Park) Station.

7.2 - Clare Blair again raise the up-coming problems relating to the immense rise in the numbers of children who will need infant school places in the very near future – i.e. next school year.

7.3 - North Area Corridor Funding Paper – presented by Philip Crack – there is £2 million Section 106 money which needs to be spent – plans have been produced to spend £1.5 million on a new cycle and pedestrian bridge over the river - this will be discussed at the North Area Committee. It was felt that this would not be money wisely spent ! – Clare will pursue clarification.

8. Planning 8.1 Pike and Eel (Penny Ferry)- the planning appeal was upheld but the pub cannot be demolished as is now in a conservation area (had not been when appeal submitted)

8.2 Dog and Pheasant - modifications have been made to the original plans and will be re-submitted.

8.3 Elizabeth House - plans have been submitted for conversion by the Cambridge Education Group to a “boutique” hostel for students age 15-19 (A level or International Baccalauriat/Oxbridge entrance). There will be access for local community use.

8.4 152/4 High Street Chesterton - this application has been turned down and it is likely to be re-submitted for a single dwelling

- 8.5 Change of use from Glassworld to Motorbike shop approved on Green End Road
- 8.6 Eccho House is to be converted into a house for a disabled person
- 8.7 The Grove Pub – permission has been granted for change of use to a home for the Sikh Community

9. Friends of Stourbridge Common 9.1 The general issues discussed above will also impact on Stourbridge Common

9.2 There will be a litter pick on 14th April as part of the Cam Clean up – this area will meet at 9.30-10 am at the Riverside entrance to Stourbridge Common to litterpick between the new bicycle bridge to the Railway bridge.

9.3 There is money for new litterbins – where to place them? – outside the pub, streets, where else - ? outside Grumpy's!

10. Cambridge Community Association 10.1 Feedback from 8th March event – there is a need to smarten up on publicity

10.2 The second edition of the new Chesterton News has been published.

11. St Andrew's Hall. - Jeanne Underwood reported that several members of the Local History Society at a recent meeting had complained of very poor acoustics in the hall, particularly for those with hearing problems – it was suggested that Eleanor Whalley should be as informed and asked if the “loop” was working effectively

12. Any other Business - 12.1 The Citizens' Advice Bureau advice point has been installed at the Meadow's Centre

12.2 The BBC has recently been filming at Brown's Field House Dementia Care Home with a view to a programme going out in the autumn – SW to ask BFH Manager if publicity could be put into the Chesterton News at an appropriate time.

13. Date of next meeting -

Thursday 14th June 8 pm at Ferry Corner, 1 Water Street