

Brookvale Community Association

Minutes 8th July 2008

Attendees: Malcolm Macinnes, Rebecca Kennelly (minutes and chair), Chris Halls and Cathy Williams,

Apologies: Pam Mansfield, and Sarah Whittaker

3. Minutes were signed off as accurate

4. Matters Arising - Chris has printed out labels for mops, will put these on the clean day.

Jan has been contacted and MM will pick up the information when he drops of the blurb

Key list is with Cathy – Cathy to have a look at the keys area and update RK still not had keys through the door.

No concerns from Ted to issue regarding inside building. Are some outstanding outside work to be done but waiting for good weather.

All BCA trustees sent Cathy address and DOB for Charities Commission information

Cleaning day 19th July 1pm – nothing for Ted to do on the inside. Gas meter needs to be repaired, possibility of Ted fixing it better to the door. Ted still has a list of ongoing outside issue that he will look at on a day when. Employee Volunteer will be decorating the Hall.

RK to bring eye pads to clean day

Crown Height keep an eye on it

Music group were contacted and still unhappy with decision. Rebecca have closed the discussion with the group as it was becoming quite problematic.

Lease has been sent to the solicitor and we will have update by next meeting

CRB for BCA RK to bring when BVS have some more form in.

Rebecca has the bank forms and will send them off to Lloyds asap

Cathy and Margaret met and did a good handover. Rebecca still not received Margaret's keys

5. Councillors report

No councillor report. **Rebecca to send a note of the minutes and the date of the next meeting**

6. Development Sub Committee

Thornycroft redevelopment and 46/48 Essex rd applied to extend garden into play area. Concern from committee that will reduce disability access. Still addressing the issues on Winterthur way and disability access and other access issues. Had a good public meeting. Pegasus Consultants have not re-contacted the committee.

Report from Malcolm follows:

1 Churchill Way West

Foot/Cycle-Way closed despite our protestations.

No DSC mandate obtained to raise Injunction to prevent closure.

Ongoing liaison work still possible with Developer but there has been no evidence from the Borough that they wish any ongoing Residents' liaison (22 days to reply to one email). Also we received no reply when the Ombudsman was engaged regarding other issues.

DSC Complaints against Public Bodies

1.1 Failure to acknowledge previous consultations and decisions opposing at grade crossing on Churchill Way West - DSC Collective Disclaimer & Caution issued to B&DBC DCC Cllrs.

1.2 Failure to take onboard concerns about At Grade Crossing and right turning traffic-

There should be no new vehicular right-turn facilities provided given the presence of roundabouts within 450 meters both ways of this new junction and the existing junction.

A crossing for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled people MUST be 100% safe.

If an At-Grade Crossing must proceed then the principle route priority must be for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled, as motor vehicles must be a secondary consideration.

Traffic calming in the form of a raised platform, coloured surfaces, anti-skid finishes, pinch points and ample signage will be required. Unless this degree of safety is provided the At Grade Crossing must be considered unsafe.

A DDA compliant bridge similar to the green one across the A339 Rooksdown/Winklebury would provide a 100% safe road crossing.

The proposal to include any or both right-turn facilities and crossing will be viewed as foolhardy and a dereliction of both the Officer's and the Councillor's Duty of Care.

1.3 Failure to provide new footpath & bridge linking end of Winterthur Way to Old Allotments kickabout to Victory Park - Complaint with Ombudsman & B&DBC Chief Executive.

2 Meet The Developer: Pegasus Consultants Redevelopment of Thorneycroft-Eatons

38 people attended and opposed the development and refused to stay for the remainder of the DSC Meeting afterwards. The Developer stated they intended to make an application.

3 46-48 Essex Road

This will take part of Victory Park into their garden. Ref: BDB68845.

4 Complaint 1 against DSC

Unauthorised mail sent per 1.2 above leading to committee member tendering resignation -

Awaiting meeting date with witness to resolve amicably.

5 Complaint 2 against DSC

(Approved) Flyer for 2 above was scaremongering and will frighten the elderly and will not be delivered by the Street Rep. Awaiting meeting date with witness to resolve amicably.

7. Blurb

Blurb ready for the printers. People did e-mail articles through. Victory Hill normally get binned therefore do BCA want to circulate it around there. Blurb will be distributed to them every other blurb and Malcolm will endeavour to keep the front interesting. Worting rd and Atwood close could be considered in the blurb distribution. **Malcolm to contact Pam to see if she could find any volunteers to be distributors on these two areas and get them printed.**

8. Secretary

A lot of post still coming to Chris but Sarah is the contact now so we need to send generalist info to Sarah.

9. Safety Officers report

All trustees have health and safety pack with RA. Contractors have been given Health and Safety information.

Chris will do a big vulnerable persons article for the next blurb. An issue has arisen with a homeless gentleman dropping into a BCA meeting on a Saturday who has been made homeless. At the time BCA decided to help this gentleman and has led to a lot of hours invested into finding him accommodation. BCA however in future will take the position that unless the volunteer wants to personally help then we will refer them onto other people. Will give them information but not actively support them finding help. BVS will committee to developing a handout of key contacts for people in need of help and support.

Museum build update - Possibility to put better access in museum with a lift. With the renovations happening this is an ideal opportunity. **Cathy has asked Chris to raise this with the disability meeting on the 14th.**

Raised with HCC lack of bollards at end of lower brook street by the park. Makes access difficult for disabled people. Chris awaiting a response.

Chris has done a report for the works day – not expecting it all to be done but it is a start.

Rebecca to ask Ted if he can look in the roof to see if there is a leak.

Rebecca to see if Chris needs to be registered at BDBC as the Health and Safety Officer

10. Hall/Booking Agents Report

Still having enquiry for late night parties and wedding however the fact that they have to be out at 11.30 puts them off. Booking is still good

Salsa group £110 – Cathy tried them twice to bring the money around but keep not coming. **Cathy will see if she can pop over on a Thursday night to see if she can get the money**

Dialogue Society - £500 **Cathy to ask Pam to chase them**

BVS have two events but Cathy needs booking forms

Regular booking still paying and seem happy.

Chris to ask the cleaner when he cleans the floors as it seems to take quite along for the hall to dry. Concern that it may be a leak.

Cathy has brought a Laminator

11. Treasurers Report

£6120 in bank at the moment most bills direct debit. Need information about a deposit account.

12. Lottery report

Next lottery draw for April 08 March 09 period will be 3 Coffee morning

13. Other Items and AOB

A complaint was received re the Blurb which Malcom is addressing.

Chris - BVS volunteer award Nominate Pam – Rebecca to contact Pam to ask if she would like to be nominated. BDBC forgot to send out the invite for us to them.

Disability Surgery – When Chris is doing disability surgery should he been seen to have a disability. The committee felt it was appropriate for Chris to make a choice how he wants to be seen to delivery it.

Date of Next Meeting:

9th, September 9th October 2008