

Minutes from the meeting held on the 9th September 2003-09-15

Attendees

Michele Ward (Chair)
Gary Jones (Vice-chair)
Ian Lilliman (Secretary)
John Pickering (Treasury)

Samantha Raggart (Regeneration)
Janice Stanley (Coalfield Regeneration Trust)
Dilwyn Evans (Groundwork Ashfield & Mansfield)
Cllr. John Barsby
Cllr. Graham Flint

Janet Smith (Resident)
Lee Marshall (Resident)
Margaret Wheat (Resident)
Barbara Miller (Resident)

Apologies

Cllr. Malcolm Sage
Courtney Nangle (Mansfield CVS)
Jean Lissaman (Resident)

Minutes of the previous meeting

Meeting started at 6.30pm. Michelle welcomed all to the meeting.

Parking on Carter Lane - still bad, particularly outside the shops. Vehicles continue to park haphazardly with no regard for other road users. Group has received no response back from Peter Thom of the Highways Dept.

Reports and updates

Untaxed vehicles – Yellow Astra parked on Harcourt St without road tax.

Unsuccessful bid - Samantha Raggart (Regeneration) informed the group that the South Area Assembly had turned down her application for funding for an extra light on Jacksons Park and extra bins on Newgate Lane and on Rock Hill/Ratcliffe Gate. Reason given was that a large sum of money had already been invested in the park. It was agreed that the group would look into other sources of funding. Dilwyn Evans from Groundwork said he would also look into other sources of funding. **Action – Dilwyn Evans/Ian Lilliman**

Jacksons Park Update – Dilwyn Evans (Groundwork) said he has met with the contractors Killingleys to discuss the ongoing maintenance contract. There had been comments about the meadow grass around the children's playground area looking very unsightly. Dilwyn has offered to use his organisations resources to repaint the playground to cover up the large splash of paint on the rubber tiles and surrounding play equipment. Dilwyn encouraged the group to let him know if Killingleys were observed not doing a good job of weeding, replanting and grass cutting. **Action – Dilwyn Evans/Samantha Raggart**

Co-op Rear Access Security – Ian Lilliman said he had been in touch with the Co-op head office to try and get the shop's rear gate fixed to prevent unauthorised access. As this was the third time he had contacted them about the problem, Ian said he had raised the Environmental Protection Act 1990 which can empower the local Council to force the shop to clear up their own litter. **Action – Ian Lilliman**

Talk By Janice Stanley – Coalfield Regeneration Trust

Janice introduced herself to the group and explained that the Coalfield Regeneration Trust purchased a number of properties on Newgate Lane to renovate them with a view to encouraging new niche businesses to set up and bring business back to Newgate Lane. However, she said that there have been difficulties in acquiring long-term tenants. The trust is considering changing the status of the shops from retail to office, perhaps converting one of the properties into a drop-in centre similar to 'Buddies' up Bull Farm.

Any other business

Michelle (Chair) said that she had received a request from the Police to remove the Police Wanted poster from the window of 110 Newgate Lane. Ian (Secretary) remarked that the poster was created with a tongue-in-cheek humour as residents felt that policing in their area is very poor, beat bobbies are seldom seen by the local population and they only attend NAG meetings when asked. A quick vote recommended that the poster stay for the time being.

Dilwyn Evans informed the group about the Living Spaces Fund and asked if there were any areas of land that could benefit from environmental improvement. Suggestions raised were 1) the footpath between the Chad and Newgate Lane School, which has become badly overgrown and 2) the path at the rear of St. Lawrence's church hall.

Following discussions once again about flooding on Newgate Lane, Cllr. Graham Filnt asked if Ian could forward a copy of an e-mail he received regarding this matter from Richard Goad.

Action – Ian Lilliman

Dates/times of future meetings

Tue 7th October 2003

Tue 4th November 2003

Tue 2nd December 2003

Tue 6th January 2003

Tue 3rd February 2003

Tue 2nd March 2003