

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership – Charity Number 1112151
Tuesday 18 May 2010. From 6.30pm to 7.00pm

Present: W Bates, J Blackburn, J Blakey, K Calvert, S. Colquhoun, J Geyer, K Griffiths. K Haigh, R Jackson, D Paget, S Raine, J Shields, M Syer, S Thompson, R Walsh, S Walworth

1. Apologies for absence: M Bell, PC Cockburn, R Cowen, G Kitson, V Richardson, M Ridley, M Williams

2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting 19 May 2009:

The minutes were taken as a true record by M Syer and R Jackson, and the meeting agreed them unanimously.

3. Acting Chair's Annual Report:

Richard Walsh welcomed everyone to the fifth Annual General Meeting of the Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership, and noted that reaching year five was a notable achievement for all concerned.

Thanks were extended to all those on the committees - past and present, to the locally elected members for their support, and the information and advice from the County Council; and thanks were extended to PC Cockburn for his monthly reports.

4. Project groups:

The Secretary presented the annual updates for the following project groups:

The Highways Group concentrated on road safety: A boundary Sign is to be erected at the Motorway Bridge on C12a via the Neighbourhood Budget.

The missing repeater signs 40mph are to be placed along the A177.

2 Speedwatch Units are to be paid for via the AAP through the Traffic and Transport task and finish group.

The highways group supported the construction of the Limestone Linx cycle route.

Parkhill's report sent by Angela Richardson, Chair: We have had a quiet year with not very much happening. After extensive consultation it was decided, with regret, to abandon the community building project. There was a certain amount of interest, with plenty of ideas, but almost everyone wanted us as a group to run it and organise it for them. This was not how we had planned it, it was for the community to use and organise within their own little groups, Plus in the current economic climate we were concerned re: the upkeep of the building once complete.

So on to plan B which was always an option.

We are currently looking to increase the equipment on the back playing field focusing on the 11 - 14 year olds, who after consultation felt a little left out. All 4 quotes are in so we will be looking for funding shortly.

The Community Centre is preparing for refurbishment.

Youth: The access programme is complete and a grand opening of the refurbished building was a great success.

The Church: Projects are up to date with the building of the church. Any further work is upgrading and upkeep. There was a request from the church committee to take the reports off the agenda after this meeting.

Unadopted Roads: The discussions are moving slowly, and the group remains positive that ONE NE is looking into the Equity Share Scheme as a way to fund the upgrade. At the moment, the enthusiasm of the group remains high, but something positive needs to happen. The group is still raising funds and the locally elected members continue to give outstanding support. The group still feels that this pilot project would profit the county immeasurably.

Park: Phase two of the Park is almost complete. It awaits the connection to the mains for the lighting and by BT for the CCTV, followed by landscaping. Phase three, work on the 'top park', will commence in June.

Environment: The following Environment projects have been funded through the Urban Renaissance Renewal Initiative: Somal's Car Park was upgraded; The pavement was renewed at the Cooperage and on the opposite side of the road on Durham Road West to the papershop; The crossing point was moved down to a safer point for lorries to turn onto the A177 from Crowtrees Lane; Extra bollards were installed on Durham Road.

The Beck has been cleared through the park.

Through the AAP, funding has been secured to upgrade lighting at the end of Castle Street, in cul-de-sacs at Parkhill, and the path and lights to the park between two houses in Parkhill.

Planning permission was given for an increased floor space at a proposed Supermarket on the Ogden's site.

5. Statement of Financial Affairs: Mike Syer presented the independently examined accounts and reported that there were no surprises. The final balance of £5023.98 was made up of Restricted funds £2359.92, and Unrestricted funds £2664.06. The financial report was approved.

6. Election of Officers:

The election of the following officials was agreed by the members:

Secretary - Janet Blackburn, Chair - Richard Walsh, Treasurer - Mike Syer, Vice Chair - Ron Jackson

7. Election of Trustees:

The election of the following trustees was agreed by the members:

W Bates, J Blakey, R Cowen, K Griffiths, K Haigh, J Kane, G Kitson, S Raine, S Walworth

8. Close of AGM: The chair closed the AGM and thanked the members for attending.