

## **GENERAL MEETING - Bowburn & Parkhill Community Partnership - Charity Number 1112151**

Tuesday 18 August 2015 from 6.30pm

**Present:** W Bates, J Blackburn, J Blakey, R Cowen, S Featherstone, K Griffiths, K Haigh, G Kitson, B Little, D Paget, C Parker, S Raine, M Ridley, F Salisbury, M Syer

**1. Apologies:** M Bell, J Geyer, M Stone, R Walworth, S Walworth, M Williams

**In attendance:** None

**2. Declarations of interest:** Declarations of interests would be made as required throughout this agenda.

**3(i). Police:** There was no report for this month.

**3(ii) PACT meetings 2015:** 2 September at 6pm in Bowburn Community Centre.

**3(iii) Neighbourhood Wardens:** Contact the wardens is 03000 261 000 and report environment offences online to DCC or to your local councillor Jan Blakey 03000 268685.

**4. Minutes:** General Meeting 21 July – The minutes were approved as a true record and agreed by members.

**Matters arising** Item 4 Bowling Green: Mr Nigel Douthwaite reported that there are two issues re the bowling green; he needs CISWO approval as it is their land and this is with Assets currently; he needs to meet on site to understand what the resident consultation asked for. And he mentioned that DCC contribution is for removal of hedges and land reinstatement for the purposes of opening up the site and alleviating Anti-Social Behaviour, not measures to further protect the site from invasion. This needs to be addressed through the measures proposed by enforcement at the entrance from the C12a.

Colleagues in Enforcement are looking at measures to avoid a repeat of the Traveller encampment. There needs to be a balance between Traveller deterrent, public access and emergency vehicle access which Nigel was due to discuss with Enforcement, but unfortunately the meeting was cancelled. He understands that the measures Enforcement suggest are aimed at preventing Traveller access from the main site entrance which will negate any on-site deterrents as suggested in your previous emails. He will contact us when he has rescheduled the meeting.

(Janet)

At this meeting it was suggested that the kerbstones along the entrance road to the park from the C12a should be put back in line to deter parking on the grass to the back of Broadmeadows.

(Janet)

**5. Finances:** A summary of accounts and the July bank account were made available to all.

**Expenditure:** Restricted funds: Fun Day expenses will be covered by income on the day.

**Unrestricted:** D Paget independent examiner's honorarium of £20.

**Fun Day Meeting:** To be arranged in the Community Centre at 6.30pm.

(Martin)

**Raffle prize:** W Bates won the prize, kindly donated by M Ridley. Next month M Syer is to donate a prize **Mike**

**Quiz:** Winners - 'Baking' quiz were 1. C Chantler, Bath; 2. J Baker, Chelmsford; 3. P Thomas, Neville's Cross. For the Partnership's income, please take part in 'Numbers' at £1; closing date 14 November 2015.

**6. Item for Any Other Business:** (i) Zipwire (ii) Paperless minutes (iii) Tea prices (iv) Roadworks on Crow Trees (v) Works on Old Quarrington road (vi) Cooperage

### **7. Current Masterplan:**

#### **7A. Regeneration Fund:**

A quotation for nine planters, 3 two tier planters and 6 single tier planters has been received from Wybone planters. Two other quotations are needed for comparison; S Jones, DCC Highways, is to check if the planters are suitable for Durham Road; S Craig is to advise on suitable planting to reduce watering.

(Janet)

#### **7B Reports:**

##### **7B(i) Planning:**

**County Durham Plan:** Richard suggested that the judge will grant leave to the Council to seek judicial review. This will then mean that the Council will have to submit a revised Plan. Unfortunately that will then mean a new Examination in Public in the next 18 months or so.

(Richard)

**Parkhill planning application:** Richard has prepared a statement for the appeal to the first planning application which will take place in Bowburn Community Centre. An article in the Interchange will explain this. **(Richard)**

Frank Salisbury is preparing a statement for the appeal on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cliff Burnett may prepare a statement for the appeal on behalf of Parkhill Residents.

**Land South of Bowburn, Integra61:** Comments on the Durham Green/Interga61 consultation have been sent to Nathaniel Litchfield and are awaiting a response.

(Richard)

**Steavenson Street:** Number 1 Steavenson Street has applied for a wooden privacy fence of 400mm to be placed on top of the back yard wall to screen off the loading bay at the store on the former Cooperage site.

Pick up a piece of paper every day to keep your pavements clean

**Agreed:** That the screening should be in brick which is in keeping with the Conservation Area. (Janet)

**(ii) Highways/Environment:** Next meetings is Monday 7 September at 6pm in Bowburn Community Centre.

Railings on MW approach: David Hodgson, DCC, has priced the railings on the C12a and the MW roundabout approaches in preparation for the Section 106 application as follows:

Tail-Up-on-End Lane; The price is based on the measures provided on the plan that was supplied and for locations A, B & D. Cost for this is £26,609.00 ex VAT.

The height of the railings is the same as those of the existing metal and concrete post railings.

Keepmoat is also being asked for to price the Tail-upon-End railings, but a decision needs to be taken about the height of railing. Mr Brian Kitching, DCC, will advise on this in September. (Janet)

Motorway roundabout; Mr David Hodgson notified that there are 3 sections of fencing, with a length of approximately 300m (Bowburn Exit to A1–150m, Coxhoe Exit to A1 South–75m, A1 North to A688–75m) at a total cost of £27,972.00 ex VAT.

**Agreed:** That the railings for Tail-upon-End Lane should take priority over the Motorway railings for the S106 application. (Janet)

Footpath from Horton Crescent to McCormick Place – proposed closure: The results of the consultation of residents in that area is finished, but the results are not known to date. (Janet)

MW roundabout markings to Coxhoe:

As of this meeting date the secretary is still awaiting a response from Colin Mortimer re the Coxhoe road markings. (Janet)

**7Biii Parkhill:** Sandra Featherstone has taken responsibility for closing the accounts of £7543.18, belonging to the Parkhill Residents' Group, as H Dale the former treasurer now lives out of the area and has requested that no more statements are sent to her.

Before the account is closed Sandra has been asked to buy 2 planters for Parkhill and reported that Parkhill garden nursery will fill and plant two 1000mm planters for £100 per planter; they will be positioned on the central verge at Parkhill. Sandra is in the process of finding prices for the planters. (Sandra)

Sandra asked that the Regeneration Fund money for Parkhill play equipment be reinstated back into the general Regeneration Pot for suitable projects. She and others in Parkhill agree that there is sufficient play equipment for all ages in the two play areas.

Members at this meeting were happy for Parkhill to give back the £3600 to the regeneration Pot if that was their wish. Sandra will write to Julie Anson, Regeneration team Leader, to inform her of this decision. (Sandra)

**7Biv Community Centre:**

The CCTV cameras have been installed around the outside of the building, in the corridor to the Games Rooms, and in the Office.

Weather permitting the Height Bar will be fitted on 19 August.

From 7 September, Gayle Anderson will be serving a hot meal on Mondays at 12 noon in the lounge, with the exception of 28 September when there is a prior booking for the whole building.

Friday 25 September prior to the Fun Day, the Art Group will hold an opening for 'The Corridor' gallery. It is hoped that the schools will take part each term to produce a piece of art for The Corridor. (Janet, Sylvia)

**7Bv Youth Club:** The summer activities include: Flamingo land, wet n wild, power boating x 3 trips, cinema, mountain biking, also some youth club sessions for both juniors and seniors. All dates and times are on the Youth Club Facebook page.

Bowburn Gym is closed this week because of lack of volunteers. If you are interested to give a small amount of time each month please contact Joanne Eden or call in at the Youth Club when it is open – there is an induction programme plus CRB checking.

**7Bvi Coal column:** Awaiting planning permission for the houses and offices on the Esh site before an application will be considered for the coal column. (Janet)

**7Bvii General housing:** None

**7Bviii Education:** None

**8. Correspondence:** Comedy Club charity night in the Community Centre on 18 September at 7.30pm.

**9. Reports and matters arising:**

**9a) EDRC AAP Board Meeting 29 July 2015 Key Messages** at Quarrington Hill Community Association Roger Goodes (Acting Chair)

Insp Mark Edwards - new statutory partner (Police); Lyndsey Thomason, Community Development Project Officer who will be job sharing with Sandra Stephenson. Lyndsey is working Wednesday – Friday. Frank Salisbury has resigned from his position as a public rep. Ann Carr and Keith Pounder have been appointed as public reps, and Councillor Dennis Morgan fills the Councillor vacancy left by Keith Pounder. Ellie Seed, Investing in Children gave an update on the Youth Forum and congratulated and presented the AAP with an award to certify that the AAP is an Investing in Children Service. Alan Simpson, Community Alcohol Partnership gave a presentation on Operation A.R.I.E.S. - A different approach to tackling underage drinking.

AAP Summer Forum linked to the Brass Community Tour took place at Trimdon Community College Barbara Hind, Durham Community Action updated on the community buildings network.

In 2009 Action for Rural Communities in England carried out an extensive survey to gauge a national picture of village halls and other community buildings throughout England, to identify their support needs and to illustrate the social value they add to rural life.

Durham Community Action has devised a similar survey in County Durham to help them best place the future support to management committees and those running the buildings.

The next AAP Board Meeting is on 2 September from 5.00 in Cassop Centre.

**9(ii) a Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council:** Next meeting **19 August** in Cassop Community Centre.

Litter-pick Saturday 5 September: Meet in Bowburn Community Centre car park at 9.30am.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee: 6pm on 19 August 2015 an hour before the Parish Council meeting. If interested in joining the group you are invited to join the meeting when draft policies will be discussed.

**9(iii) Quarry Liaison:** Next meeting 24 September.

#### **10. Group Noticeboard:**

(i) **Banner:** The Centenary banner was taken to Sherburn Community Centre for a WW1 commemoration event and to Sherburn Hospital for a summer fair, and will be going to Deaf Hill on the Heritage Open Days. 16 October there is to be a free event to commemorate the life of Nurse Edith Cavell with exhibitions in the afternoon and a presentation and brass band in the evening – at the Bowburn Community Centre.

(ii) **BVC Interchange:** For the next Interchange, please send articles, photographs and anything of interest to the village to Mike. The next Quiz Night is 18 September.

(iii) **Credit Union Bank:** The bank is open on Fridays from 11 am to 12 noon in the Community Centre.

(iv) **History:** The Resources Room is open every Wednesday from 1pm until 4pm.

**11. AOB:** (i) It was asked if the Zipwire in the play park could be repaired. **(Cllr Blakey)**

(ii) Paperless minutes – Janet informed that only those not on email will receive a paper copy of the minutes.

(iii) Tea prices – it was agreed to charge 50p for tea and a biscuit to pay for the room hire.

(iv) Roadworks on Crow Trees – the traffic sign at the entrance to Broadmeadows is obstructing the view of the traffic. **(Cllr Blakey)**

(v) Old Quarrington road – the electric works are to take electricity from the anaerobic digester to the grid.

(vi) Cooperage – the railings have been moved and the view of the traffic has been improved.

#### **12. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

**General Meeting 15 September 2015 at 6.30pm in Bowburn Community Centre**