

CGRA Minutes 11th March 2013

The Chair for the preceding AGM and this Ordinary Meeting was taken by Vice-Chair Tony Munroe

Apologies: Barry Grant, Amanda Mackie, Rose Hanscomb, (Barry Grant arrived later)

Minutes 12/2/12 – Proposed by Joan Zanelli, Seconded by David Neighbour

Thanks were given to Mandy Grant for taking the minutes in the absence of the Secretary, Amanda – every one wished Amanda a speedy recovery.

York Road School – Ross introduced Paul O'Reilly, a local builder specializing in listed buildings. Paul advised that he had purchased the school and that it would not be demolished further. He had applied for 4 units to be built with the addition of 2 small extensions. The planning application is pending and Paul confirmed that the Planning Officers had been very helpful. He stated that he had submitted a pre-application, with the full application following later in the week. He asked for support from the residents who all expressed their appreciation for the renovation. Paul invited residents to visit him on the site if they were interested.

Neighbourhood Watch – Andrew Scarth (Deputy District Co-ordinator, Three Rivers Neighbourhood Watch) introduced Alison Acres and Kelly Keating, two of our new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinates. Alison explained that the roads in Croxley had been split into 3 sections with Alison heading up the central area, Kelly the north and David Wynne-Jones the south. They intend to produce NhW/OWL leaflets. It was suggested that these leaflets could be distributed alongside The Resident to save money. Joan agreed to look into this and to see whether it would be possible to coordinate printing costs with The Resident to save money. The three new co-ordinators intend to ensure that residents put up OWL signs in their houses. They are liaising with the PCSOs and they are also keen to attend the Revels to advertise OWL, possibly with an OWL handler. They plan to produce a regular newsletter. Parish Cllr. Ridley suggested they apply to the Parish Council for a grant to help cover expenses.

Play Area Development – Parish Cllr. Janet Martin explained that the play area in Baldwins Lane is due to be upgraded this year. The PC had been approached by TRDC for their views but there had been no follow up. Janet expressed disappointment that TRDC had now produced a plan for the new play area which she, and others, felt was unsuitable and too similar to the new play area in Barton Way. She showed a copy of the proposed plan and residents agreed it was disappointing. The Association agreed to write to TRDC expressing our views.

Media Sub Group – Date for copy is mid April. Tony reported that there is lots of material and that the website is progressing brilliantly.

CG Community Plan Questionnaire – To-date there have been nearly 1,500 responses, which is a great success. The results of the questionnaire are due to be presented at the PC Annual Parish Meeting in April. The success of the questionnaire is the direct result of a good working partnership between the PC and the Association.

Planning Matters – Barry plans to attend the TRDC Hearing to represent the views of the Association with respect to development in the greenbelt. Alison Wall explained about the problems with the Applegarth development, which have been ongoing for quite some time. She explained that the developer should have re-built soon after demolition as per planning guidelines. An appeal by the developer is due to take place shortly. Barry proposed that the Association write to the inspector, which was unanimously agreed.

Travellers' Site – TRDC have launched consultation into a proposed area along Tolpits Lane. Residents were asked to view the online consultation and respond.

All Saints Church Chimes – David explained that the Church is negotiating with TRDC to sound proof the chimes.

Yorke Mead School – HCC proposes to increase the school to 2 form entry on a permanent basis. Concern was raised about increased traffic on very narrow residential roads. Letters of concern to be written from the Road Safety Committee and the Association.

Sponsored Annual Walk – awaiting permission from Highways to paint a mural on the two bridges bridge.

Local History Project – Tony explained that a sub committee has been formed to take the project forward. The group will be meeting on Wednesday to form the History Project Group. Margaret asked for help with Excel spreadsheets for census information. She explained about the Heritage Hub. Mary suggested approached local Secondary Schools for help. Ross offered to try scanning text.

Finance – Mary had already provided her report at the preceding AGM.

Fund Raising – Barry suggested holding a quiz in October or November. Other ideas - Shuffle Board, collecting at Croxfest, fundraising as part of Boundary Walk with refreshments and possibly a quiz to answer as you walk round.

Meeting ended at 9.56pm