

St. Peter's Neighbourhood Association Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: **ANZIO House, St. Peter's.**

Date: **Tuesday 5 March 2019, 7.00pm.**

Present: **Jon Bryan (Chair), Robert Mee (Secretary), Peter Thompson (Treasurer), David Robinson Young, Brian Hunt, Peter Boyle, Phil Huddy, Terry Crane (part of meeting), Jude Harris, Paul Common, Gwynneth Common, John Cornhill, George Harle**

Apologies: **Catherine Harris, John Watts, Veronica Dunn (Cllr), Nick Kemp (Cllr), George Allison (Cllr), Stephen Douglas (Northumbria Police)**

1.	<p>Item Opening</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm with Jon in the Chair.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Previous Meetings' Minutes The Meeting approved the minutes of previous two meetings (06.11.18 and 08.01.19) as accurate records.</p>	Action
2.	<p>Spillers'</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Jon said our Open Committee Meeting (08.01.19) had been a positive and illuminating meeting, and there are clear concerns about the applicant's proposal.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. The Meeting agreed that the site development is long overdue but not by the applicant and what has been proposed. This is the view of many residents and businesses across the neighbourhood, and in many comments on the planning application and published on the Council's website.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Jon and Robert had met with the Planning Officers to discuss the planning application process. The Planning Officers had advised that before the application can be tabled for a Committee Meeting decision, the applicant will consider the feedback compilation from the Council. The applicant can address the feedback comments if he so wishes to proceed. If this occurs, then another 21 days public consultation period is likely to allow for the applicants' way forward to be reviewed and commented upon. It is still possible to make comments on this and any application up to 24 hours before the Committee Meeting hearing an application. The Planning Officer's report to the Planning Committee on an application is published before a Committee meeting and is available on the Council's website. It is possible for interested parties to make a five-minute representation to a Planning Committee meeting, which are open to the public. Jon and Robert would meet the Planning Officers again if felt this might help.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d. The Meeting agreed to remain positive in outlook regarding a future alternative site development and agreed action to ensure neighbourhood residents and businesses are informed as well as the Association can.</p>	<p>JB/RM</p> <p>ALL</p>

<p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>a. Litter bins-to-planters. This project had been turned around at the start of December. The work day itself was very rainy, but nevertheless the work was completed by resident volunteers, a team from Jewsons and teams from three Council services. The ongoing restoration and planting work of the new planters is being supported by a British Engines Community Fund grant. The Meeting expressed its thanks to all those involved in the ongoing project.</p> <p>b. Traffic Management Proposal. The action proposed in 2017 has now been implemented. It is appreciated that the statutory requirements involved such a timescale. Double yellow lines on St. Lawrence Road, Bottlehouse Road and Dobson Crescent had been extended. This improvement ensures a clear arterial route. Two new St Peter’s directional signs had been installed at the Glasshouse Street/Walker Road junction. David expressed the view that further double yellows were required opposite the Glasshouse Street bus stop to prevent the hazard of a parked vehicle effectively being double parked with a waiting bus. The Meeting agreed with this view.</p> <p>c. Footpath tarmac. Robert advised that the Council was still to advise whether the use of black tarmac to repair footpath surfaces instead of the in-keeping red tarmac is contrary to Article 4.</p> <p>d. Garden refuse clear away. It was noted the Council teams continued to be very efficient in clearing away bulky waste originating from the volunteer gardener activities, and their work is very much appreciated.</p> <p>Police</p> <p>a. Steve’s report said incidents in our neighbourhood remain comparatively very low compared with others in the City. He is still of the view that residents and businesses need to be vigilant against opportunists and their presence, and always try to avoid creating opportunities for crimes to be perpetrated. Peter Boyle expressed his view, that was sympathetically received, that it was a sad that the innocent party is held onerous in avoiding crime, as opposed to the criminal perpetrating.</p> <p>b. Crimes since 06.11.18 included thefts from parked cars, garden furniture theft, theft from a garage, an attempted burglary, several public order offences.</p> <p>c. Anti-social behaviour since 06.11.19 included youths snowballing, suspicious person in resident’s back garden, an abandoned vehicle, trial bikes and noisy youths.</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>a. Peter advised how the bank account stood. The credit balance mainly consisted of grant funds received for which there are allocated and restricted purposes.</p> <p>b. Since November deposits received included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Newcastle Building Society Community Fund (power tools) ☐ Christmas Party Raffle takings ☐ British Engines Community Fund (litter bins-to-planters project)) ☐ Greggs Community Foundation (gardening and tools) ☐ Ward-aid grant (insurance renewal) <p>d. In accordance with agreed actions at Committee Meetings and Grant Applications, payments had been made, and included:</p>	<p>CLLRs</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Precept, annual website hosting and domain name ☐ Ebay, 5x Ranger-style litter pickers ☐ Print North East, 500 Foodbank Collection flyers ☐ Bins-to-planter project restoration and planting ☐ Jewson, chainsaw 	
	<p>e. The Meeting approved the annual insurance renewal. The Meeting thanked Robert for his work on the successful grant applications, and the Christmas Party raffle. In turn, Robert thanked Committee Members, Richard Tulip and Laura Mullin for their raffle prize donations.</p>	PT
6.	<p>Wellbeing & Environment</p> <p>a. Gwynneth briefed the Meeting on activities since the November meeting. These were from the previously approved plan and had included a neighbourhood litter pick, restoration work on the Fish with Two Heads, bulb planting, the litter-bins-to-planters project, ongoing gardening and litter-picking.</p> <p>b. Block paving on Trinity Courtyard riverside. Robert confirmed that there had been no contact from the Council regarding this new work. The Meeting was concerned that all the welcomed and good work would be undone through the weight of cars and vans mounting the new kerbs and parking on the new block paving.</p>	CLLRs
7.	<p>Social & Fundraising</p> <p>a. Robert reported the Christmas Party had been well-attended, The Foodbank Collection even better than last year's and the Trinity Courtyard Carol Singing on Christmas Eve enjoyable with a strong turnout of residents from across the neighbourhood.</p> <p>b. Robert suggested other people at the meeting or within the neighbourhood might be encouraged to organize social events.</p> <p>c. Jon advised that in December he would lead on organizing a 2019 Living Advent Calendar.</p> <p>d. George advised that Merchants Tavern would be hosting a Veterans' Response Race Night fundraiser.</p> <p>e. Brian advised that there would be a Spring Car Show around the Marina.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>GH</p> <p>BH</p>
8.	<p>Marketing</p> <p>a. A spring newsletter will be produced.</p> <p>b. The website and noticeboard are regularly updated.</p> <p>c. St Peter's Business Group. This initiative has been proposed by a local resident. The Meeting welcomed this in principle and agreed to support this as and when called upon in the same manner as it would any other neighbourhood group.</p> <p>d. Social Media. Jon to lead.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>JB</p>
9.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>a. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.</p>	
10.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>a. Tuesday 14 May 2019, 7pm, ANZIO House</p>	

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