

Brunswick and North Kite Resident's Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting

18th January 2010 at 18 Maid's Causeway Cambridge

PRESENT

Wendy Andrews	WA	
Roger Chatterton	RC	Joint Chairman
John Lawton	JL	Joint Chairman
Jeremy Waller	JW	
Leonie Llewellyn	LL	
Susan Dixon	SD	
James Oram	JO	Secretary taking minutes
Sally Westwood	SW	

1. Apologies for Absence:

Sue Gordon-Roe	SGR	Treasurer
Mike Ashby	MA	

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1	Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th December 2009 approved after correction to arrival of LL at 7.10	
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3. Tesco

3.1	The alcohol licence has been refused but it seems likely that they will appeal and may not open until they have a licence.	
3.2	Colin Rosenstiel will let RC know about any appeal.	
3.3	It was pointed out that Marks and Spencer obtained a licence.	
3.4	The objection of the police seemed to carry a lot of weight.	
3.5	The narrow pavement outside the new shop and the proximity of Jimmy's and the school make it an inappropriate place to sell alcohol.	
3.6	The committee congratulated RC on his work on this matter.	

4 YASUME

4.1	The land has been purchased by the Beth Shalom Synagogue a Jewish group in Cambridge, to build a synagogue.	
4.2	The congregation will be up to 200.	
4.3	The building will be 1 ½ stories at the back and 2 at the front.	
4.4	No formal plans have been submitted for permission yet.	
4.5	A spokesman from the group said that they had not been aware of a footpath. There will be a gated passageway through the site and this will be locked but will allow access for regular users of the route. On police advice the passageway gate will be locked.	
4.6	Once in use parking and traffic should not be a problem (use of cars prohibited on Sabbath).	
4.7	There will be community facilities.	

4.8	Once locked gates are erected any “right of way” will be lost – do we know how many people use it?	
4.9	Personal objections to the plans can be made.	
4.10	Members of the committee agreed that open access through the site should be upheld.	
4.11	Committee agreed that the plans should be reviewed and any objections put forward then.	

5	Travel Lodge	
5.1	The hearing is on 10 th February.	
5.2	The Highway Department still using Travel Lodge figures for traffic based on office usage.	
5.3	They have ignored the points raised by Riverside (RARA) and Petersfield (PACT) residents groups about traffic.	
5.4	Planning committee members include Hipkin, Baker and Dixon. Committee will make a decision taking account of planning officer's recommendation.	
5.5	The agenda and supporting documents for this meeting should be on website. There has been a slight modification to the plans.	
5.6	RC will try to attend hearing.	RC
5.7	Tall buildings seem to be appearing in Cambridge centre the next could be The Grafton Centre. A hotel nearby would provide a precedent.	
5.8	RC feels the legitimate objections are being sidelined.	
5.9	Can we talk to Michael Wiseman about the plans for the Grafton, although he may not know very much? JW will contact Michael Wiseman and ask if he can meet with BruNK	JW
5.10	Should we lobby the planning committee directly, Lynette of RARA is probably doing this.	
5.11	All the objections have come from RARA/PACT/BruNK.	
5.12	Can we be more effective at communicating directly to councillors our objectives?	
5.13	Mike Dixon is on the planning committee but we have found it difficult to get him engaged. Should we send him something directly about this application? Lynette has probably already done so.	
5.14	Sarah Whitebread may also be worth contacting.	

6	Salmon Lane	
6.1	RC e-mailed Tim Bick one week ago and to date no response.	

7	20 MPH Limit	
7.1	WA submitted our views she has had no reply or acknowledgement.	
7.2	The 20 mph limit is due to be applied now.	
7.3	Does it have to go to a committee?	

7.4	WA to chase progress	WA
7.5	View was that the zebra crossing on Maid's Causeway could be dangerous but the 20 mph limit may help.	
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8	Zebra Pub Noise	
8.1	Complaints have been made recently – the noise is not terrible but it can go on until 11.30 p.m.	
8.2	There is a licence for live music on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.	
8.3	RC has spoken to environmental health and other residents are involved.	
8.4	View is that The Zebra is not a suitable pub for live music.	
8.5	The Hopbine is also a problem for residents of Fair Street especially the noise caused by smokers in the street.	
8.6	The Hopbine has live music	
8.7	Should this be a topic for AGM? – put this in flyer to prompt interest	RC?
8.8	The landlord of the Zebra is pleasant but it a business that is struggling to survive.	

9	Community Orchard	
9.1	This is going ahead.	
9.2	There will be three plantings the first being in the first week of February.	
9.3	The Council will prepare the land with help of FoMC	
9.4	Apple trees will go in first with two further plantings in future years.	

10	Snow Clearance	
10.1	Why were pavements not cleared?	
10.2	It is responsibility of the County Council which they delegated to City Council. City Council employees had not been trained to put salt on pavements and with union involvement they could not do the work.	
10.3	Furthermore advice was given to general public not to clear pavements themselves as they may be exposed to law suits.	
10.4	There was a conflict between City and County Council	
10.5	More salt bins on the streets may have helped and those there were should have been full.	
10.6	City Council should have its own salt supplies and not rely on County Council.	
10.7	BruNK to write to Council about supply of bins – write to the new chief executive of the Council is Antoinette Jackson and Ian Nimmo-Smith.	
10.8	Love Cambridge have no responsibility in this area but did they make a representation to	

	the Council? – JW though not.	
10.9	Should there be a bye law requiring businesses to clear the pavement in front of their premises? Perhaps we could suggest this in the letter.	JL
10.10	JL to draft a letter	

11	Bollards	
11.1	SD has problems with vans parking in the passageway between Brunswick Gardens and Brunswick Walk.	
11.2	Can there be lockable bollards there.	
11.3	The vans have damaged the side of the building.	
11.4	Could SD get support from her neighbours for this?	SD
11.5	Would yellow lines down the path help?	
11.6	There is a concern about access to common when cars or vans are parked there.	
11.7	On same theme WA raised problem of cars parking on pavement on the corner of Fair Street and Maid's Causeway.	

12	AOB	
12.1	9 th April is the deadline for comments to Cambridgeshire County Council on the transport plan.	
12.2	Proposed street signs for cyclists on one way streets – write in support of this	?
12.3	CRC – approval of development has been granted SD will circulate a copy of this.	SD
12.4	Consultations on strategy for outdoor spaces including rights of way will be held on 26 th January and 13 th February between 3pm and 7pm. JL to attend RC will circulate invitation.	JL/RC
12.5	AGM – book room at Christchurch or Grafton – committee agreed on Christchurch? - Write to Michael Wiseman - Dates 14 th , 15 th or 19 th April RC to check availability - Start time 7.30 with committee meeting at 6.45 - Send handout with format to be agreed at next committee meeting	SGR ?
12.6	Next meeting will be 9 th March at 6 Wellington Court to be confirmed if Michael Wiseman cannot change may need to change.	
12.7	Discuss election of officers at next committee meeting	
12.8	Strawberry Fair - licensing notice has been posted - police are likely to insist on being paid by Fair organisers which is unlikely to be affordable. - Fair committee minded to change nature of fair to make it more of a community/county fair with more local stores. - Meeting and consultation should be soon. - Licence application also includes a film festival with longer shows – this is an entertainments licence.	

Meeting ends