

St Helens Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: 16th June 2010 at 8.00pm

Venue: 28 Highlever Road

Attendance: Clare Singleton (Chair)
AK
NW
JH
RH
MT
MHM
CM
LG

Apologies: AM, JC, TM, HP, JTB

Woodlands Site

CS reported that she had put in a submission on behalf of SHRA and we are now waiting for some feedback and to see whether planning permission will be applied for on the basis of the plans seen. As the scheme affects two boroughs, we would like to co-host a meeting before our AGM and we should try and find out if there is a similar residents association in that area of Hammersmith & Fulham. CS proposed to be in touch with Nigel Buck at Imperial College as well as Alison Flight from the Strategic Site Team at RBKC. The subject of an underpass/overpass from our area through to the Woodlands site (and thus access to the Central line) was discussed and it was agreed we should seek clarification of what this would mean to the area.

School consultation

The general feeling was that we are in favour of another secondary school/academy in the area but that it is important that the swimming pool and gym facilities are maintained. RH agreed to write to Judith Blakeman reaffirming our support for the school and for maintaining a sports centre.

Shopfront consultation

JH agreed to look at the letter from RBKC concerning the consultation and to report back before 21st July.

Vacant shops

It was reported that the landlord of one of the shops is refusing all offers on his vacant premises and would like to return it to a residential property. NW

reported that he was not aware of any application for change of use and that Cllr Blakeman has responded that no change of use would be permitted. As an association we should monitor the situation and be proactive by polling our membership to find out what sort of shop would be popular. The committee expressed its thanks to NW for monitoring all these planning issues.

Crossrail

CS agreed to write in support of the plan for Crossrail in our area.

Notice board

The committee agreed that the notice board should be A1 size, made of hardwood, with one lockable door and vandal-proof glass. MT agreed to look at prices and to report back to RH so that she could put in an application for funding which she anticipated would be around £750 to include the notice board and labour to mount it on the wall. If there are any funds remaining, these could be used to buy a microphone but we should first enquire if there is already one in the church hall.

Westway follow-up

This item was deferred until the next meeting as HP was absent.

Oxford Gardens School notices

It was reported that the school tends to leave up notices and banners long after the events they promote. It was felt that rather than complain as an association, committee members might mention this to teachers at the gate as we pass by.

AOB

- Sculpture on St Mark's roundabout: MT will investigate to see if she can find out what the sculpture will be like.
- Charity scams: we should report any such scams to the membership via the group email.
- MHM reported that the Finstock Road street party would be held on Sunday, 19th September.
- Basements in the area are now permitted development. This means that we no longer have the power to intervene or object to a project as we have done in the past. JT agreed to check if there are any constraints.
- Sunday markets: no further progress on this idea.
- Kitchen gardens: a very successful initiative and we should try and identify another site (maybe the back lands at the end of Highlever Road) as there is a waiting list for further kitchen gardens.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.15pm.