

BADGER HILL RESIDENTS COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Heslington Church on Friday 14th May 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: Harry Telfer (Chairman), Brian Blanchard (Treasurer), Alan Richards (Secretary), Catherine Odell (BH South), Jon Edison (BH East) Cllr. Neil Barnes, Cllr. Mike Pavlovic, Cllr Hilary Shepherd and 32 Residents.

Apologies: none

- 1. The Secretary welcomed** everyone and thanked them for turning out. Moving the meeting to May seemed to go down well
- 2. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2017** were displayed, taken as read and adopted.
- 3. Election of Committee for 2017-2018:** Harry Telfer stepped down as Chairman. Alan thanked him for his hard work and presented a small gift from the Committee. We had no volunteers for a BH West representative. Everyone expressed their willingness to remain in office for a further year. Therefore, following a proposal by the Secretary, it was agreed by a show of hands that the other committee members should be re-elected. The role of Chairman will be discussed at the next Committee meeting
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Brian Blanchard reported on the financial position of the Group. An Annual Receipts and Payments Account had been produced that had been examined independently and a copy was available for inspection by residents.

Last February's balance was £1063.62. Annual costs took this down to £737.47. It now stands at £1017.62.

AGM costs are still to be paid. Brian thanked CYC for their donations towards this year's costs and re-iterated what he said at last year's AGM that whilst the group had a healthy bank balance, it may be necessary in the future to incur costs for professional advice. He therefore requested residents to continue to show their generosity by making a donation at the end of the meeting.

- 5. Review of 2017-18:** the main events and issues which the committee had been involved with during the year are:

a) HMO applications

we opposed 3 applications which were all rejected. Landlords are still able to come up with novel requests, from 8 bedroomed houses to garage conversions. *Since the meeting another on Vanbrugh Drive has been rejected but one we did not know about on Sussex Road has been passed*

b) parking

the situation has got a lot worse since the start of 2018: Cars are parking on the junction by the playing field for weeks at a time or blocking driveways; parents dropping kids off at the Primary and Secondary schools are parking dangerously; people may be parking by the shops and going into town.

Sussex Road residents have organised a petition requesting double yellow lines on the road. The Committee will look at options by the playing field, then for the next phase of Campus East expansion. Residents requested we consider: residents' parking; restricted parking (eg 5 hours max)

Residents also asked us to check the legal position on parking on verges. There is increased damage in parts of the Estate. *If your driver is blocked or you see dangerous parking ring the Council or 101*

c) Local Plan

- the Campus East Commercial area (CYC Plan Ref is 15/00049/FULM.) comprises: Nisa; Medical Centre; Greggs; Barbers. To come: Tanning Studio; Pharmacy (disappointing - there is one in Badger Hill); pizza & burger takeaway; Indian Restaurant; Chicken Takeaway; Subway
- still no news re. the Persimmon development of the land at Hull Road but the road up to the Commercial area points that way!

d) Environment

- residents have been asked to cut hedges which encroach on pavements and restrict pushchairs and wheelchairs. Residents have finally complied but there were delays including nesting issues.
- we discussed litter that spills over from recycling bins but could not come up with better ways of operating
- residents requested a bin in Sussex Road
- we proposed a path across the field suitable for pushchairs - with the Council

e) website

- Jon Edison has begun a set of updates to the site. He showed us pictures of the area and a map of HMOs

6. 2018 onwards:

Monitoring HMO activity remains our main task.

Assessing parking issues and dangers must now come next on our list

We want to spend some time looking at ways to improve the Estate. Ideas to follow up were:

- Litter Picking - there has been little interest in the meetings arranged
- improvements to the field. eg a pathway and some wild flowers.
- dog park as part of the field - little interest
- better children's play park, money is available and two parents have volunteered to help Cllr Pavlovic with this
- flower troughs by the shops

Cllr Pavlovic explained improving the drainage to the field would cost £2 million and was unlikely

Cllr Pavlovic mentioned there was money to plant bulbs all the way along the Hull Road dual carriageway. The Committee will meet him asap to discuss this

Website updates will continue

7. Ward Councillors:

the Highways Budget is a curious beast - our pot holes will get filled eventually but there are wide repercussions if the Council tries to move a job up the priority list so we will have a wait

Harry Telfer asked Councillors to push for implementation of a compulsory HMO registration scheme, which the government have now at last recommended and some cities have established 7 years ago

The Chairman thanked the attendees and closed the meeting at 8.55pm. Several people stayed for tea/coffee