

West Cornforth Residents Association

Notes of General Meeting held Monday 4th July 05 - 7 p.m.

Present: E. Chalk, J. Chalk, D Harrington, J. Harrington, L. Blyth, C. Blyth, D. Barrett, R. Barton, I. Barton, S. Eltringham, T. Wells, J. Pennick, S. Pennick, N. Cooke, N. Tate, G. Lowe, C. Lindsay

S. Norman (Community Safety)

S. Dodsworth (SBC)

Apologies: M. Pennick

Matters arising

The Chair discussed initial reasons for forming the group and also introduced Sylvia Dodsworth and Sarah Norman. Sylvia talked about the Action Plan and Constitution as discussed at the last committee meeting and circulated copies for the group to read. Everyone present agreed on the naming of the group and also roles and responsibilities of Committee members.

Areas of concern

Agreed that the following areas need addressing;

1. Private Landlords - the licensing of.
2. Environmental issues such as cleaning up neglected overgrown areas- some areas are full of overgrown bushes, weeds, grass not cut etc.
3. Road/path improvement why have some unadopted roads in Cornforth been adopted by Council? The access roads to the rear of Verdun Terrace and Coronation Terrace are unacceptable and unsafe.
4. Street lighting- S Norman advised on dawn-till-dusk lights for extra security and S Dodsworth suggested discussing the possibility of extra street lighting with DCC.

Action Plan & Constitution

After circulating copies of the action plan and Constituency Sylvia Dodsworth outlined the main points and the group agreed on its contents- Committee to hold monthly meetings and general meetings to be held bi-monthly.

Guest Speaker

S. Norman from Neighbourhood watch advised on 'sneak- in' thieves who gain entry through windows and doors being left open esp. in the summer months .She discussed security measures such as using window locks, door chains and ensuring valuable items are postcoding with an special UV pen. She circulated leaflets and pens for the group to use.

Any other business

Several people asked about traffic calming measures to the front of Coronation Terrace as traffic is accelerating up/down Station Road and there have already been a number of fatalities.

The fence round the scrap yard is encroaching onto the path forcing people with wheelchairs/pushchairs etc onto the road.

The old railway line is also a concern for traffic as it the number of trees in a thicket at the bottom of Coronation Terrace as it limits visibility as well as collecting rubbish, encouraging rats etc.

Alternative routes for traffic?

As these issues raised come under the jurisdiction of both Sedgfield Borough Council and Durham County Council it was decided that Ian Brown of Sedgfield Borough Council and Cllr. George Porter of Durham

County Council should be asked to our next General Meeting - J. Pennick to write inviting them to attend.

Next meeting(s)

The next Committee Meeting will be 1st August at 7p.m- the next General Meeting will be Monday 5th September at 7p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm