

**West Cornforth Residents Association**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting held 20th March 2006 7pm**

**Present:** S. Pennick (CH), E. Chalk, J. Chalk, I. Eltringham, D. Harrington, J. Harrington, D. Cheeseman, T. Wells, S. Dodsworth (SBC)

**Apologies:** J. Pennick

**Minutes discussed and agreed on from the previous meeting.**

**Matters arising**

**MP** - resigned from Residents Association due to joining Parish Council. A new Vice-Secretary will be needed.

**Questionnaire** - There had not been any replies to the questionnaire, which had been delivered.

**Verdun Terrace** - Five tonnes of gravel, had been kindly donated by Lafarge Aggregates, and volunteers scattered it on the top part of Verdun Terrace, with another five tonnes still to be delivered. Anyone willing to help with the second load should speak to the Chair or Secretary. There had been very favourable responses to gravel and all present said it was a considerable improvement. It was suggested that we could display a "private road" sign when the road was complete. The Chair reminded everyone that the gravel was not a heavy duty road surface and therefore it should be treated appropriately if it was to last. He also stated that he would endeavor to maintain the surface of the 'road' when necessary but asked for everyone to pay particular attention to their own frontages.

It was also suggested that the pot holes at the bottom of Coronation Terrace needed filling and we could conduct a similar exercise in the future.

**Flowers** - Approx two hundred Summer flowering bulbs had been donated and planted around the area by residents.

**Station Road** - DCC had removed most of the branches from a large dead tree, which had been hanging over the road, North of the roundabout.

**Railway Crossing** - Members had noticed that the dilapidated gates on the crossing had been removed and a new fence erected. Members agreed that the area looked slightly tidier but that the new fence looked extremely flimsy.

**Fly-tipped tyres** - All of the tyres had been removed by the council. See February minutes.

**Pit Wheel Memorial** - Banks Transport had kindly collected the pit wheel from Ellington Colliery to store in their Thrislington yard. Mr R. Watson had also kindly collected the pit tubs from Cumbria, which were also to be stored at Banks yard prior to being cleaned and painted. The Chair stated that Mr R. Bowerbanks and JP had worked very hard to get the project to this stage and it proved that residents could make a real difference to their surroundings by working together.

**Correspondence**

**Training courses** - We had received details from SBC of national training courses, which were available to members of residents associations. See JP for details.

## **Other Business**

**Room Rental** - It was suggested that The Salvation Army be given a donation for the use of the hall. SD told us to apply to SBC who may be able to cover the cost of the room rental. This could include retrospective use.

**Gardening Competition**- Members discussed the organizing of a competition for 'Best Garden' , Best Hanging Basket/planter, Best Vegetable Garden/Allotment etc. This could encourage residents to take more pride in their environment and promote healthy eating etc. SD suggested contacting Pauline Freeman from the Eden Valley Community Gardens for advice.

**Chess Club**- MP is to start a regular chess club at the Community Centre - no dates announced yet.

**Chairman of West Cornforth Community Assoc.**- Mr Tommy Dodds retired after over 31 years of service. Mr Paul Ferguson was voted in as Chairman. The Community Centre will be arranging a special public event to honour Mr Dodds and his wife for their outstanding commitment and service to our community. Details will follow.

**Prime Minister visit** - The Chair stated that the Prime Minister had recently been in the village to officially open the new video conferencing facility in Cornforth House.

Next meeting(s)

The next Meeting will be 24th April at 7p.m.

**Meeting closed at 8.30 pm**