

Minutes of Residents Association Public Meeting

Held at Cedars Park Primary School on Friday the 23 November 2007 at 7 30 pm.

In attendance were :

**Tim Passmore : Leader, Mid Suffolk District Council,
Councillors. Peter Woodley, Frank Whittle, Barry Salmon. PC John Eaves & PCSO
Emma Hollis**

Apologies were received from David Ruffley MP

Chairman Roger Willison Grey, opened the meeting by thanking all attending , outlined that previous minutes were on website, and as no particular points had been raised on these moved on..

Policing

The policing item on the agenda was brought forward so that the attending officers could resume their operational duties earlier rather than later.

PC John Eaves informed us of the new Area Commander , Chief Inspector Neal Atwell and new District Inspector Sally Gallant . He then detailed report on activities he had carried out to correct solve ,or inform since he took over the area which includes Stowupland Parish and Creting St Peter..

These included.

Inconsiderate or potentially dangerous parking e.g on footpaths, milk thefts, anti social behaviour, thefts from building sites, speeding, car and property damage, graffiti, regular school visits, article in local magazine, regular meetings with Residents Association representatives .

He had assurances a Puffin crossing on Blackbird Way would be in place by end November. He or traffic colleagues would look into the reported speeding Cormorant / Shearwater, give way signs needed? They were also looking at other traffic related issues. Should residents wish to report HGV incidents that concern them there is an explanatory leaflet on how to report and a form to fill in, these are issued by SCC and are available from MSDC office in the centre of Stowmarket, or from a committee member..

He has also suggested to developers that they should consider a 'welcome pack. with general information including policing could prove useful to new buyers. Other topics were discussed and John offered guidance and passed on his personal card to use and inform him.

Roger thanked John for his time and effort and the noticeable effect he and Emma are having. Finally wished him luck in the award he has been entered for.

General Update

A lengthy list outlined by Roger detailing the many things that should have been done on the development

These included, Health Care provision, road adoption, landscaping, play areas, and the general adherence to the original strategic plan.

Tim Passmore was very concerned by many of these points and assured the meeting that he would be putting his weight behind these straight away , he also stated he was meeting PCT officials this week and again would bring up the surgery needs of the residents. Councillor Whittle is also chasing this. Road adoption is being chased up by Councillor Woodley. Tim Passmore was also emphatic that the present one and a half parking spaces per residence was unacceptable and would not be accepted or passed in future.

The ongoing saga of the obnoxious smell from the sewage works is being addressed by the environmental officer from MSDC and notice will be served if not solved.

Planning

On planning issues Roger stated that we have established a good working relationship with the planning office at MSDC .

We have no further information on the proposed warehouse on the south side of the distributor road

A new design has been submitted for the so called Village Centre Phase Two, residents have several major concerns about this. The meeting was advised that a exhibition was being held by Consultants for Crest at the Primary School on Tuesday 27th at 5-9pm and were urged to attend and make their views known.

When the planning application has a reference number write in if you object; personal letters carry weight. Councillor Salmon made a good point of saying send a copy of your objection to the Town Council so that they too can be brought into the process.

We understand the bridge over the railway will commence construction in February, hope fully they mean February 2008.

Multi Modal Distribution Park.

This is the massive container development applied for opposite Tesco. The situation is that MSDC have passed the handling of this to a consultant; Councillor Woodley is in regular contact with these people for updating, there are many consultee reports still to come in and nothing will proceed much further until all evaluations have carried out this could take some considerable time. More objections were received on this than Snoasis including Hutcheson Ports who run Felixstowe. So you will see there is still a lot to consider. We will keep you updated.

Post Boxes

We have asked for additional post boxes on the developments. Fred Hillyer has received a reply from the Post Office and is following up.

The lake

The lake which is being used for fishing is now becoming a place where rubbish or discarded line is being left. Although we have reported this we are told that it is the responsibility of Anglian Water, so a few direct complaints from residents might put a bit of importance behind this.

Treasurers Report

Alan Tanner reported funds of £170 at present and asked for suggestions to raise money. We have had a grant from local authority in the past but cannot rely on this as we are not a registered charity or a provider of services other, means must be investigated. A collection was made on the night.

General questions and answers were carried out throughout the meeting

Chairman thanked everyone for their efforts and stated that the Committee would continue to serve the Residents; he also said that we would welcome anyone who could give some time to assist.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm