

CEDARS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
14TH MAY 2011

Chairman Roger Willison-Gray's opening remarks.

Community Interest Ltd Company, there will no share holders but members only at the cost of £1. Thanks given to Peter Woodley, Alan Tanner, MSDC and all who helped in the set up the CIC.

Community Centre is progressing well and is before the Planning Committee for approval in July.

Parking will always be a problem, enforcement notices will be issued and enforced should it be necessary, the Safe Neighbourhood Team are the best people to contact should there be a parking dispute.

SNT

PC Stefan Henriksen advised due to a lack of forensics they have made no further progress regarding the arson attacks on the school shed and the youth shelter.

A new addition to the team Rachael Worobec covers Comsford and Cedars Park, Rachael is involved in youth projects and a youth club may be started.

The Mobile Police Station proved to be popular when placed outside Tesco, this is where it will be situated from now on, the next date 30th July.

Crime figures are up on last year 20 to 111; this could be down to more housing, crime recording statistics incorporating smaller incidents not recorded before.

There have been seizures of alcohol and 3 seizures of drugs, PC Henriksen says this is down to our community contacting the SNT and allowing the police to respond. In the future there will be less resources future therefore fewer patrols, so the community should advise the SNT of any problems.

Speed checks are carried out regularly, 46 warning issued, 21 fixed penalty tickets and 2 drivers in court.

Treasurers Reports

Roger Willison-Gray advised our treasurer Alan Tanner for many years is standing down Alan Tanner and thanked him for all his hard work.

Alan Tanner expressed his great thanks for the work and support shown by Mr Phillip Kendal during his years as Treasurer. Thanks also to David Cole who provides and maintains the CPRA website which receives 2,000 hits at week and thanks to CPRA's printer who provides all literature free of charge; funding for the afore mentioned would not be possible from donated money.

Whilst sponsorship and advertising have gone flat there has been large increase for the obligatory 5 million pound insurance, hall hire has also been increased.

Residents should use the web site for advertising or for any reasonable request. Tim Spooner was introduced as the incoming CPRA Treasurer.

The Chairman thanked Dick Down, Alan Tanner and Fran Ridgewell for here support over the years.

Current Committee Stand Down.

Three of the current committee did not stand for re-election the rest of the committee were re-elected, along with new members Dave Muller, Tim Spooner

Proposed by Fran Ridgewell

Secunder by Sara Nash

The Chairman put a proposal to the floor that Fred Hillyer the CPRA founder member, having worked for over 10 years, Fred has spent thousands of hours and using his fantastic energy for the good of this community be made Honorary President, a life time appointment. The motion was carried unanimously.

MP David Ruffley addressed the floor.

Mr Ruffley is a stalwart supporter of the CIC and of our community and we can be sure of his strong support. He will use his parliamentary support for our endeavours in the future. The Community Centre will be fantastic he will use contacts and help to get grants. Mr Ruffley looks forward to working with us.

Election of Directors to the Cedars Park Management Community Interest Ltd

The Chairman gave a brief explanation of the role of a CIC at Cedars Park.

The assets are the Community Centre the football field. The CIC can borrow money, apply for grants. They can carry out services for the community. All money raised will go back into the community centre. The directors are elected for 2 years but will report back to residents at regular intervals.

CPRA committee will appoint the chair for communication between the two.

Articles of association are 2 documents which define what the CIC can and can not do by law.

8 directors are required (7 have put their names forward)

Lee Ellis Hall, Andrew Collett, Samantha Meadows, David Blackburn, Steve Carlton-Walker, Rebecca Ellis-Hall, Albert William (Dusty) Miller

Proposer - James ????

Secunder - Kevin Stobbs

Show of hand for from the floor - unanimous

Roger Willison-Gray thanked the 7 directors for taking on a long term and challenging task.

A page will be created as a channel for question and suggestions to the CIC.

Village Centre

Single planning application, once approved Crest Nicholson will complete and move off site.

Question from the floor regarding the Village Centre and the commercial units, Matt Parsons from Crest Nicholson said they will have long leases, Roger Willison-Gray added planning restriction are in place, no fast food outlets for example.

Question from the floor asking if the merger between Baberg and MSDC will in any way impact on the planning at Cedars Park. Cllr Frank Whittle says hopefully it will

be completed before then and anyway it will make no difference at all.

Question from the floor about a doctors surgery. Cllr Frank Whittle advised there will be no surgery. The PCT has made it clear there is no funding.

Stowmarket Festival

A Roman history encampment will be set up on the recreation ground off Gun Cotton Way. There will be activities for children and Roman life displayed along with Roman food to sample. Sunday 29th and Monday 30th May.

Anglia in Bloom

Children will be given sunflower seeds to grow which can be entered into a competition on the 14th July.

The open area at the top of Kestrel Drive will be planted up. An appeal was put out for hanging baskets, bedding plants, pots any help whatsoever, work must take place within the next few weeks. A small amount of money has been made available by the council.

Tesco planning application

Tesco are re applying for planning permission to put in a mezzanine floor etc.,

Warehousing off Gun Cotton Way

2 Large Warehouses and smaller industrial units are proposed. An earth bunding, extensive landscaping, neutral colours, no fast foot outlets and a dog walking area are also on the plans. Restrictions are in place for opening hours.

Lighting

Roads are not adopted therefore it is down to the builders, contact CPRA and they will forward it to the relevant person.

Roundabouts

The upkeep of the roundabouts is down to the Highways Consulting Engineer, he is not co-operating so therefore CPRA is unable to solve the problem of lorry damage to these small roundabouts.

Glass on the estate

The council will be approached again by Cllr Frank Whittle who will once again ask for a drinking ban.

Bovis fencing

Bovis informed CPRA the high fencing is a temporary measure.