

AVENUES AND PEARSON PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

9TH OCTOBER 2012 at 57 Westbourne Avenue

PRESENT: S. Wilson, K. Stockdale, C.Nicholson, S. Walker, L. Longworth. J. Sykes, J. Ward Lomax, Cllr Butterworth.

APOLOGIES: A. Crummay, H, Livas-Dawes, M. Dawes, I. Colquhoun

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Correction re plaques: Stephanie is liaising with Paul. Paul is not liaising with residents.

1. MATTERS ARISING:

1.1 Stephanie has informed residents and relatives of designated plaque houses that the plaques have arrived. Unveiling ceremony for all plaques to be on same day. Stephanie liaising with Paul re installation.

1.2 Letters re satellite dishes has been sent to erectors. A second letter to be sent to them re the national guidelines and asking them to 'sign up' to an agreed code of practice based on the guidelines.

2. CHAIR REPORT: no chair report - except for Planning Matters

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- * 617.70 for plaques
- * 140.00 on newsletter
- * 50.00 on fountain leaflet

4. PEARSON PARK AND CONCERNS RE EMPTY PROPERTIES

4.1 Cllr Butterworth reported on the empty council properties (six plots, of which two have no buildings). A decision has been taken by the council to have a marketing strategy.

4.2 Jean Sykes spoke of concerns of Pearson Park residents about potential decline of the Park, given so many empty properties: some unoccupied now for considerable length of time (eg Royal Navy property and East Lodge); and new ones like Pearson Park Hotel. Action needs to be taken to prevent the decline that has happened to parks in other cities.

4.3 Suggestions for possible courses of action:

- a) Interim measure of dressing windows.
- b) Owners of empty properties could be invited to meet the Trustees of the Park.
- c) Compulsory purchase orders by HCC.
- d) Petition to HCC from concerned residents of the whole Conservation Area, and wider community users.
- e) Formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan

4.2 Actions decided upon;

- a) Campaign to raise awareness (Jean Sykes to lead)
- b) Letter from Stephanie to Cllr Fareham at Wyke Area Committee to ask for a vision and a strategy from HCC to protect the Park from decline.

5. Victoria Avenue Fountain

5.1 Jackie Ward Lomax reported on the successful walkabout, led by Chris Coulson

5.2 She suggested booklet on interior features of Avenues houses, with photographs. Has found a photographer to do this. Residents to be invited to tell Jackie about features in their houses . Jackie will write article for next newsletter. Could possibly be sold to raise money for the Fountain Fund.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 RESPONSES

- a) 204 Park: rear extension approved subject to condition of no windows on side elevations as too intrusive for neighbouring properties.
- b) 182 Chanterlands: trees approved
- c) 17 Victoria: trees approved

6.2 NEW APPLICATIONS

- a) 127 Westbourne: fell Leylandii tree - no objection
- b) 91 Marlborough: fell cherry - resident has withdrawn application
- c) 203 Marlborough: fell conifer: no objection
- d) 69 Salisbury: fell twisted willow- - no objection
- e) 6 Pearson Ave: fell lime - no objection provided that it is replaced with an appropriate tree, as very little greenery in this garden.
- f) 97 Westbourne: fell willow, pine and atlantica glauca - no objection as a lot of trees here.
- g) 10 Pearson Ave: installation of tall railings. No objection provided they match those at no 16 in order to have harmony within the terrace of houses.
- h) 240 Victoria: erect separate flat-roofed dwelling in rear garden as granny 'annexe'. Object on grounds of backland development, out of character and intrusive to neighbouring properties.

Next meeting: Wed 7th November at 48 Marlborough

Suggested date for December, subject to confirmation at next meeting: Wed 5th Dec.

