

SGRA Minutes of Meeting
Held Thursday 25th June 2009
At 7pm in the Brandling

Apologies

Siobhan & Geoff O'Brian, Colin Walmsley, Dennis & Yvonne Niblett, Eleanor Dinnis.

People Present

Sheila Parks, Norma Shannon, Hazel & Dennis Spicer, Jerry Ruddick, Gordon Robinson, Irene Matthewson.

Minutes of previous Meetings

Agreed as a true record.

Update on Action Points – Matters arising from Previous Meetings

It was agreed by all that the new summer planters were better this year – thanks to Darren & the local team for the improvement this year. Also Jerry advised the meeting that thanks to the Council was in order for the new display placed at the entrance of Bowes Court.

Feedback from meetings attended

Jerry & Gordon attended the City Councils Star Award ceremony at the Civic Centre to see if our nomination of Dave Roberts was successful, unfortunately he was not successful, all nominees were worthy of receiving recognition.

Planning Application for a Change of Building use.

Jerry advised the meeting that the application for change of use of the Hairdressers shop (Part of Tenerife buildings) was refused on potential access problems. Jerry handed out copies of the applications refusals for members who did not have a computer if they wished to read it.

Dennis Niblett

Jerry received an email from Dennis, he is moving to another area now of Gosforth and sends his apologies since he will not be attending future meetings. Jerry extended our thanks for his valuable help with our Website etc.

We received the following compliment which as follows ***“We both wish the SGRA good luck in the future and are sure you continue making positive changes for the people living and working in the area.”***

Notice Board

Jerry has placed a SGRA poster in the Station Road notice board.

Dogs on South Gosforth Green

The meeting was advised that there is a continuous problem of dogs fouling the green. The Council have been notified through Envirocall on several occasions. The council would like someone to provide times if regular so that the dog warden can be there to take action if applicable. It is not possible for the warden to remain in the same place for several hours.

Petition (Residents Parking Scheme)

Siobhan & Geoff O'Brian have been advised that there is insufficient demand for a Residents parking system based on a survey that was carried out by the Council. (Action Point)

Financial update

We have £195 in the bank account including a £12 donation from Annamaria for our web-site advert.

AOB

Colin asked as to when the local road works for Ridgewood Crescent are to commence, to be clarified at the Ward Meeting.

Sheila Parks would have liked an additional planter at the entrance to the flats; this looks as if this was the one that has been placed at the entrance at Bowes Court. Jerry stated that we may apply to get the monies from the Grass Roots organisation and get a custom built planter.

The turning circle at the top of Ridgewood Gardens was mentioned, it has been that vehicles are turning onto the grassed area on both sides (to be discussed further)

It was also discussed as what has happened to the William Street Flats planters? (To be brought up at the Ward Meeting)

Jerry was asked to bring up the following by a resident about residents parking in the area.

Why is it that certain roads and streets seem to have residential parking even though there is a huge amount of room at the Metro station side of South Gosforth?

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Next meeting in the Brandling at 7pm 30th, July.