

**SGRA Minutes of Meeting**  
**Held Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009**  
**At 7pm in the Brandling Villa Public House**

**Apologies**

Paul Spicer, Siobhan O'Brien & Pat McDonald

**People Present**

Residents: Irene Matthewson, Hazel Spicer, Sheila Park, Eleanor Dinnis,  
Jerry Ruddick (Chair)  
Gordon Robinson (Treasurer, Deputy Chair)  
Sonia Bradley (Secretary)

Guests – Architects Students from Newcastle University

**Agreement of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Agreed as a true record.

**Update on Action Points and Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**South Gosforth Green**

The grass and edges have recently been cut and it is looking much tidier.

**Ridgewood Gardens – Planters**

The above needs to be added to the list of requests to the Council for 2010.

**Feedback from Meetings Attended**

**Residents Parking Scheme – South Gosforth**

Following a recent meeting with local Councillors which was held at South Gosforth First School on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September one resident Matt Hambling kindly volunteered to act as co-ordinator for local residents concerns about parking in the area and liase with the Engineer involved.

Sonia has forwarded Matt's e-mail address to SGRA members.

**Ward Meeting**

Jerry stated that Victoria Powell is the new Ward Co-ordinator.

The Meeting wished to thank Ann Gilks for all her hard work and help.

**Neighbourhood Charter**

A meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

There has been an agreement by the council to give the community moor say about what happens in their local area. I.e. travel management, refuse, social housing etc.

Unfortunately there were only 3 people there, one each from the Garden Village, Gosforth and Gordon from SGRA.

Gordon brought up issues about pavements and traffic and the lack of families in the area as a lot of properties are used for Student occupation. He mentioned we have a very transient population in the area, housing has become too expensive and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of rented accommodation is for families.

The knock on effect of this is the reduction in children attending local schools and supporting local businesses.

### **Minutes of Meeting**

#### **Funding**

No monies from the Web shop. (Hopefully this will change at Xmas)

We have been awarded £350 from the last Ward Meeting and Jerry has being reimbursed for the food and drink from the AGM in September 09.

#### **Peter Leggott**

Peter e-mailed Jerry to give apologies, as he is not able to attend the next two meetings. He hopes to start attending again in January 2010 on a regular basis.

#### **Any Other Business**

#### **Traffic Management Plan**

The following areas were discussed:-

Jerry advised the meeting that he had received a letter from a resident in Ridgewood Crescent concerning the Transport Study. This has been passed to the Council as it was felt that it was more appropriate for them to reply to concerning Hunters Road and the Traffic Lights

#### **Hunters Road Flats**

The road near the Metro Bridge has sunk, drains not clearing the water adequately.

Top of Hunters Road – Leaves covering drains.

#### **Skips on South Gosforth Green (Large Green)**

Your Homes Newcastle (YHN) have spoken to the firm of builders and informed them that the skips need to be removed from the green and that they need to repair any damage caused.

Sheila informed the meeting that due to a yellow Nixon container being parked right on the turning circle on Ridgewood Gardens, vehicles have been backing onto the pit shaft. It has previously been suggested that bollards need to be placed around the pit shaft.

#### **Domino's Pizza**

Gordon has written to Domino Pizza Management about parking on the footpath.

#### **Gosforth Terrace**

Gordon has written to the Council about the loose cobbles and has mentioned this at Ward Meetings. Apparently the area has been inspected twice but a recent re-assessment has shown that the area does require repair.

Sheila pointed out that the back lane to Audley Road and Sandringham Road suffer from the same problem.

### **New Flats adjacent to William Street – Parking**

The new flats have allocated parking spaces which they do not appear to be using. These needs to be addressed with Persimmons who promised to ensure there would be sufficient parking.

**Action Point:**

### **New Turkish School in the area**

Gordon suggested that we invite them to the next meeting to gain a better understanding of the purpose of the school and welcome them to the local community. It was noted that there is a To Let sign up. Has there been an application for change of purpose?

**Action Point: To bring this up at the next Ward Meeting**

### **Parking Field Street/Bowsdon Terrace**

Irene brought up the problems of cars parking on the corner of Field Street and Bowsden Terrace as it is causing problems trying to use the pavement in this area.

### **Post Box Top of Field Street**

It was noted that this still needs to be moved.

### **Architectural Students – Newcastle University**

A group of students interviewed the meeting about housing etc. in the local area. They had tried to use the email address but had not been able to get through to Jerry. (Jerry advised that he would raise this as a priority to find out why the SGRA is not getting any emails through our address)

### **Date and Time of next Meeting**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – 7pm the Brandling Public House  
(This has now been changed to December 3<sup>rd</sup>)