

SGRA Minutes of meeting
Held Thursday 4th December 2009
At 7pm in the Brandling Villa

Apologies

Siobhan O'Brien, Sonia Bradley, Hazel & Paul Spicer, Norma Shannon, Irene Matthewson

Before the meeting kicked off Jerry expressed his apologies that the members who he issues the minutes to by hand were not notified that the previous meeting was cancelled. (Sorry)

People Present

Sheila Park, Geoff O'Brien, Gordon Robinson, Jerry Ruddick

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Agreed as a true record.

Update on Action Points from previous meetings

Gordon announced that the cobbles on Gosforth terrace are being refitted in places and depressions repaired. This was due to long discussions with the Council
(Thanks to the Highways Department)

We have persisted in asking the council for the flower boxes to be planted with the winter selections on Station Road.
(Thanks to Darren & the area team) This has made the approach down much Station Road much nicer.

Feedback from meetings attended

Jerry and Gordon attended the East Gosforth Ward Meeting which was very detailed; we passed on our thanks to the Council for doing the green which has made a huge difference to the area. Also mentioned was the recent problem of a skip being placed on the

green. We have pressed for a bollard to be installed at the Field Street end to deter vehicles from driving across the green and rutting the surface.

The residents parking scheme was also discussed and this is still under the Consultation stage.

Gordon & Jerry also attended the Joint East & West Gosforth Ward meeting at Gosforth Civic Hall recently where many local issues were discussed as follows.

Policing and crime in the area was discussed Inspector Ronnie Lowes appealed that if you see a crime being committed then to ring 999, as that is the only way that they know about what is going on in our area.

Inconsiderate drivers who park their cars on pavements are having stickers put on them by the Police, this is to advise them that their standard of parking is raising concern and that if they continue to park in that manner then they will receive a ticket (Good idea)

Renewed Planning Application for Car Park

There has been a renewed Planning Application to build a car park on the green space adjacent to the Milldene care home fronting Station Road, we are still of the opinion that this would be detrimental to South Gosforth as there is little green space as it is without this car park damaging what is left not to mention road safety and increased traffic.

We urge all residents to object to this application before the 17th December, the application ref, no is 2009/1678/01/DET, if you do not want to see this green space disappear then please object.

Application for a take away Curry House

This has been rejected.

Yellow Nixon Container

Jerry advised the meeting that he had numerous emails going backwards and forwards to try and resolve this issue.

This has now been removed and we are pressing the council to repair damage caused to the fence and grassed areas.

This will be brought up at the Ward Meeting as this has raised high feelings in the area at the aftermath that has been caused as a result of this container being placed at the top of Ridgewood Gardens

AOB

Gordon and Jerry are again planting more daffodils and crocus bulbs (Supplied by the Council) on Station Road and Hunters Road.
(Oh our backs)!

It was announced that the that the fence has been damaged again in front of the Tenerife buildings, this is broken in two places, also to repair the damage as previously mentioned caused by large vehicles at the end of Ridgewood Gardens, (Next to the flats).

Jerry also showed a plan of the road renewal work due to start soon on parts of Ridgewood Crescent

The idea of installing a children's play area on the green was also discussed for next year.

Date and time of next meeting

January 28th 2010.

A very happy Xmas and prosperous New Year to all residents.