

SGRA Minutes of Meeting  
Held Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
at 8 pm in the Brandling Villa

Apologies

Sonia Bradley, Peter Leggott

People Present

Irene Mathewson, Hazel & Paul Spicer, Sheila Park, Norma Shannon, Gordon Robinson, Jerry Ruddick, Eleanor Dinnis

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Agreed as a true record.

Feedback from meetings attended

Gordon and Jerry attended the recent Ward Meeting, a lady from the other side of the estate asked Jerry why haven't the road markings been done in this area which were Audley Road, Balmoral Terrace, Sandringham Road, and Windsor Terrace. Jerry passed this query onto Councillor Peter Leggott and asked him if he would contact the resident concerned as he felt that it was more appropriate for the Council to respond to.

We also brought up the way in which applications are made in the granting of liquor licenses, we stressed that the publications of the applications was a concern and that we hoped to be informed of any future changes in the area.

We also said thanks to Your Homes Newcastle and the Council for the installation of a collapsible bollard at the Milldene end of South Gosforth Green, we hope that this deters vehicles from driving on and damaging the green.

We also asked again why are there no warning signs on Church Road indicating the possibility of standing traffic ahead due to the

traffic lights on the Grove – Station Road junction as motorists approach the bend.

Jerry & Gordon had a local meeting with Darren Penaluna and Tim Hutton for which we thank them; we brought up local issues of concern.

As a result white bollards will be installed at the top of Ridgewood Gardens, on both sides of the semi circle to stop vehicles from damaging the verges. These will be of the same type that are in place at Wansbeck Road, Jerry provided a photograph of what they look like (this was very well received as this has been a bugbear for a very long time)

The dropped kerbs that have recently been installed were inspected and it was agreed that the work was not up to standard, this will be raised with the contractors by YHN. We then went on a walkabout and the following issues were brought up

- 1) The faulty manhole cover on the South Gosforth Roundabout (Outside the Brandling) this manhole cover is now a deep depression and needs repairing urgently
- 2) The Cobbled back-lane to Gosforth Terrace still needs substantial work done (Loose cobbles - subsidence), this work was started in 2009 but has not yet been completed.
- 3) We asked Darren if the white markings on the pavement outside Domino's Takeaway could be removed as some drivers think they are parking bays, we also asked when our request for a no parking yellow hatched area would be implemented.
- 4) We also mentioned that we had a report that the pedestrian crossing beside the carpet shop had stopped beeping, we think this has been fixed now.

## What the SGRA have achieved in 2009

These are as follows.

*New dog signs were installed on South Gosforth Green*

*Planter was installed at the entrance to Bowes Court*

*We objected to the proposed car park on the little green by the Milldene Care home, this was refused.*

*Four trees were planted on the green so that they could be used as possible goal posts,*

*Three trees were planted on the strip of land that is behind the Ridgewood Gardens flats*

*Double yellow lines were repainted on Station Road at our request.*

*The yellow box hatch markings were also painted at the entrance to Bowsden Terrace*

*A raised pavement outside the William Street flats was also altered as a resident tripped over it.*

*The ramp outside the Milldene was finally installed by Anchor Housing, this means that they can keep there commercial waste bin inside the building and not on the footpath.*

*The area outside the rear of flats on Ridgewood Gardens was improved after we raised our concerns with Your Homes Newcastle.*

*We also requested the planters on Station Road should be filled over the winter.*

Suggested site for a new tree or trees to be planted

It was agreed to ask for it to be planted in one of the triangles where the path splits on the green.

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Jerry to update the website with Dennis who also sent his best wishes to the SGRA.

Concerns were raised at the mess left after the grass-cutters had left after the area had been trimmed.

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday May the 4<sup>th</sup> (due to Monday being a bank holiday)