

BERA Meeting - 23rd May 2023

Burdalls Yard

Mark, Nola, Danielle, Alasdair, Wendy, Amie, Ric

Apologies: Sally

+ Francoise (as a guest)

The committee meeting

Mark – outlined the purpose of the community meeting.

Roles:

Chair: Mark – this position to have less responsibilities than Charles had, splitting the role, being the Face of the committee and casting vote.

Vice-Chair: Ric - Step in when chair is not around.

Treasurer: Wendy – as is.

Secretary: Danielle – acting.

Communications – Wendy, Sally, Amie. Website looking great due to lots of work by Wendy, building traffic and getting more information on it.

Other forms of communication - Newsletter? Community noticeboard, continue with WhatsApp

Planning rep: Amie – happy to continue.

Crime liaison: Nola

FOBRA: Mark and Sally

NORA: Wendy and Mark

To continue membership of both, agreed they are worth staying with.

Note: Please add headline note with attachments when circulating information.

Raised for Discussion

Amie – Questioning the opening sentence on website about ‘influencing the council decisions. Discussion around this point. General view that we shift towards more community group, whilst retaining the more formal council connection.

Neighbourhood watch: Alasdair wanted to raise the importance of these, he works with one in another area. Amie made the point that the structure has changed (no signs etc) Do we have our own version? Up for discussion.

Frequency of meetings: Suggested 4 a year, previously 6 a year. Community engagement twice a year? Next Committee meetings in July, then September.

ACTION: Danielle to send out suggestions for next date. Mid July and September.

Wendy: Ask the community what they want on the agenda before the meeting – agreed.

Lidl: The Committee agreed that “Our position on the Lidl planning application at Lambridge is neutral, but we will share the information and encourage Individual views from residents.

NORA: have asked us if we wanted to add to their consultation response on short-term lettings. Since the deadline is very soon and they are already on it:

The Committee agreed that “we would not contribute on occasion to the NORA consultation response but would maintain a watching brief”.

Short-term lets: Ric had heard of people proceeding with private cases against AirBNB. This is a big issue - we will need to take a balanced view but support those adversely affected.

Protecting communal green space: The allotments by Hampton Row is the only space we have.

ACTION: Ric to establish the extent of the allotment and associated space in community ownership so we can add to the BANES greenspace listing.

General Planning concerns

Hampton Row (house at end), Beckford Gardens (dropped curb), plot by Rockliffe etc. Issues around planning and planning enforcement. Alasdair felt that the main issues were around enforcement. Need more info from Council. Amie pointed out that there is only one person on the council for this – hence why things don’t get enforced.

Toby Simon worth bringing in to have this discussion alongside Manda. Alasdair and Amie to draw up a document to discuss.

ACTION: Amie and Alasdair to prepare a position document for the Committee to review prior to the next meeting to provide a context for an agenda item.

AOB:

- Wendy: Hedges need to be cut back and not block pavements.
- Alasdair, congratulated Mark on taking on the role
- Plea to keep things brief and succinct.
- Danielle - Salisbury Club liason
- Nola – Seagulls issue

Community Meeting

Opening: Mark welcomed the group

1. **Richard Squire.** Liked swift boxes and street clean-up, great for community. Issue he wants to raise – Insulation of homes. Wants to get a group together to work out best ways to insulate homes/en-masse or individually. Team-up on getting trades people in.
2. **Andy Harrison.** Electric vehicles – electric charging across the pavements has been stopped (even with the mat over it). Look at best options.
3. **Parking issues.** Committee
4. **Nappy van.**

5. **Holes in the road.** These are starting to be filled
6. **AirBNB. Patrick** – 9 months since the one next to them opened. Referenced NORA information. Looking at leasehold agreement. General support etc.
7. **Leaves on the road and pavement not being cleared.** A danger to older or vulnerable people. Two-pronged attack – community and council responsibility. Beckford gardens / Beckford Road / Hampton Row / Forester Road are hotspots
8. **Lime trees growing into the pavement** – Forester Road.
9. **Green environment/plant issues.** Liz Harrison expert,
10. **Planning not being enforced.** Committee issue.
11. **Danielle.** Outreach project, both how to communicate with people not on SM but also to have eyes on any potentially vulnerable or lonely people.

AOB

Draw attention to the website.

Highlight Alasdair's swift project.

Lacking – parents voice (possible coffee morning?)

All agreed to have another open community meeting in the Autumn.

ACTION: Mark and Danielle to reach out to people who signed up for various projects and help them get things moving.