

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Broomhill Action and Neighbourhood Group**

**Tuesday 8 July 2008**

**Present:** Hamish Ritchie, Tim Treffry, Alan Wellings, Lee Kenny, Wendy Jenrick, Beverley Warne, Mark Pickering, Adrian Padfield, Barbara Hickman.

**Apologies:** Mark Blades, John Birtwhistle, Peter Maitlis, John Potter.

**Agenda:** was brought to the meeting and the order agreed. A new generic form is to be posted online.

**Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 June 2008:** These were pre-circulated. Barbara's name was added to the apologies and Tim's added to the list of those present. The minutes were approved.

**Matters Arising from the last meeting:**

None

**Officers' Reports:**

**Chair:** Lee had nothing to report beyond those items on the agenda.

**Treasurer:**

Today's statement shows the deposit account has £1,585.51 and last week's statement shows the current account has £1,367.40.

Adrian has received 3 mailings re the banks new business account costing £10 monthly despite being assured verbally that our account will be free. He has requested this assurance in writing. Three identical letters received have confirmed that BANG's accounts are free of charges.

Three subscriptions have been received including one paying retrospectively for the past 3 years.

There is a problem with paypal.

BANG has yet to pay its debts re the Secret Garden campaign. The debt will be mostly paid from the deposit account. The main drag on the current is the cost of the meeting hall which must be paid in advance.

*Actions:* Mark P will ask for a discount for the hall rent as it is paid in advance.

Meetings will be curtailed to see if this reduces cost.

Next Banger (July?) will confirm a payment of £10 per household per year as a voluntary contribution for BANG membership.

Paypal problem to be sorted.

Invoice from Mark for Secret Garden expenses and payment.

**Secretary's Report:**

There was nothing beyond agenda items to report.

**Reports from other groups:**

No reports were available from other residents' groups.

**Construction Interface Group:** A new planning proposal has been submitted after several necessary amendments to the original plans for the Ridge, the students' social centre at the new village on the Ranmoor site.

A request from Bovis and the university to lengthen the working day has been refused by the Environment Agency because of the unacceptable impact upon local residents. There have been several incidents of metal theft from the construction site.

**The Community Liaison Group:** has been renamed the University Community Forum. Meetings continue to be rare. Alan (for BANG) and John B (for MOT) are writing a detailed and practical response to a publicity document setting out the benefits brought to the community by the presence of the university. BANG members have copies of the university's paper.

The new Vice Chancellor, Keith Burnett, has agreed to a meeting with Alan and John to discuss the issues. The Broomhill Forum will also have a rep present. It is hoped that the university will take the views of the community seriously on issues like HMOs and the planning laws. Communication is a real problem.

*Action:* Alan would appreciate comments from BANG members to his and John's discussion paper.

**Broomhill Forum:** The next meeting on Wed 25 September is the AGM.

**Area Panel Board:** This met last week. Alan was there, as were local councillors.

### **Planning, Licensing and Transport Matters:**

**Autumn Market:** This will need tight planning from a small working group.

**Broomhill Library:** No further news as the working group hasn't met recently. There are plans on display in the present library and a planning application is expected in September to start the public consultation.

*Action:* the Banger will publicise these plans and invite members to comment on them.

*Tapton Hall:* The appeal has been refused. Miller Homes are mulling over the issues and their role. There was discussion of the potential of the site for St Luke's Hospice who are now looking for a new site after their failure to secure the Graves park site.

*136 Whitham Road:* the old music shop. There is a proposal for 5 small bedsits with no communal areas. The old shop frontage is worth keeping. What is the future for this row of shops under the SDF? Could the Property Shop extend into here? A simple house or at most two flats is preferable.

*12 Hoole Road:* permission is sought to build a dormer window at the back. BANG disapproves and will say so.

*1 Ashgate Road:* a dormer window was refused.

*37 Hallamgate Road:* wants a garage and office at the back with access from the lane.

*Action:* Barbara will investigate.

Some retrospective applications:

*495 Glossop Road:* The flats above ELR need monitoring. A Merlin Estates bid.

*1 Ashgate Road:* Alan is pursuing the issues here.

The planning processes are deeply flawed.

**Broomhill Parking scheme:** nothing has been heard of this since April.

**Broomhill Conservation Area:** volunteers are needed to identify the green spaces for a "green map".

The next meeting is on

**Tuesday 12 August at 7.30 in the Broomhill Methodist Church.**