

Jaywick Community Forum



OPEN MEETING Resource Centre
26th AUGUST 2009 2pm

ATTENDEES:

John Wolton, Mick Masterton, Dan Casey, Gill Elkins, Sylvia Hobbs, Ian Burit, Brenda Oliver, Suzy Shimell, Karl Randal, Steve Lee-Foster, Chris Griffiths (Essex County Council for Clacton West) Reporter + 11 members of the public,

APOLOGIES:

Ray Hanson, John Milligan, Guinness Trust, Carlo Guglielmi (Regeneration Portfolio holder),

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Agreed and signed

MATTERS ARISING:

Letter sent to J Hayter at Clacton police station re the Exclusion Order along Broadway etc, had a reply from the local Community Sergeant saying that residents need to report incidents to enable the police to give evidence that the area needs extending. The police have found that the exclusion order is working so have asked for a time extension.

JW raised the point that after the last meeting one member felt that the meeting was a “shambles”. The member stated that he had said it was very Tory biased that was why. This was explained that due to there being a new ECC councillor and a reshuffle on the Tendring District Council portfolio holders recently both councillors were Tory and that Mr Carswell was asked about attending meeting in February and July was the first he was able to attend. This was not an intentional occurrence but happened due to the new members wanting to be involved. The majority of the other members that attended felt it was a good, constructive meeting.

UP DATE FROM CHAIR:

There has been no update on Green Elms – to ask Carlo for anything he might have for next meeting. The matter was discussed regarding current information available but at present there seems to be no resolution

With reference to a letter from Stephen Foster (Environmental Officer) from the end of January stating that Tendring District Council are responsible to ensure that maintenance and clearance of the dyke is carried out. The dyke has been cleared but there is still rubbish to be collected and we need Tendring District Council to get this work completed so that the community service can keep the area clear.

UP DATE FROM STEVE LEE- FOSTER

SLF said he presumed everyone had seen or knew about the article in the local paper from Lord Hanningfield about Jaywick. Lord Hanningfield is heading the committee for Regeneration at Essex County Council and what he was trying to and hopefully came across was that there was not a magic wand and it was a long term plan that were needed and there would be some hard decisions to be made by county and the local council.

UP DATES FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATION:

I.B. – Still one or two households causing some problems – police are aware.

S.S. – There is petition on the rounds about signs that are needed on the beach, e.g. soft mud, tidal warnings etc.

S.H. – Ticking over, ask about the lease and this has not been resolved and has been told will not be looked at until March 2010.

M.M. – In the process, with the Wardens, of clearing a property in Alvis Avenue. Waiting to hear back regarding ownership of the beach – FOB's with SLF's support are hoping to claim the area.

B.O. – Work clearing St Christopher's Church garden is held up due to waiting for the rubbish to be cleared - consists of green items including tree branches etc. – BO to write to Tendring District Council asking for their help

G.E. – Nothing to Report

J.W. – Nothing to Report

R.H. – DNA

Margaret O'Dell reported that progress was being made on the sorting out of derelict properties with 2 possibly being sorted mid September and another 16 by the end of March 2010.

PUBLIC BEGIN TO ARRIVE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to Report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- i. Meeting time – this was discussed and agreed as the start time for the committee and local officers/councillors etc to be at 2pm and the public to be invited in from 2.30pm.
- ii. Newsletter – discussed and agreed to do so and put on web site with about 100 hard copies being made available for collection. Those on the list wanting another copy to be told this or that they can collect from Resource Centre or from Golf Green Hall. Agreed a maximum spend of £50.
- iii. Parish Council – this was discussed and a “Steering Committee” was set up and they will report back at the general meetings of progress. The committee to be JW, SH, IB, MM, DC.
- iv. Tea/Coffee that was bought by Forum AGM – agreed to pass to the Golf Green Hall as getting stale, to be used as necessary.

PUBLIC MEETING PORTION:

Tamarisk Way car park bins - There are complaints from the shop and the chemist regarding lack of bins in the area and that people using the car park utilise the shop bins, which they have to pay to be emptied, to dump rubbish. Someone had put a black sack out and this was flowing everywhere the other day and looked unsightly - was said to have been placed there by the shop for people to use.

Beach Cleaning – this was discussed and is being done for 6 weeks and then hopefully, if funds available, next year, it will continue.

Brooklands Road – complaints regarding the surface and the water it retains, this was discussed and said that the drainage needs the sand clearing from it to enable the water to flow away.

Parish Council – this was discussed and a resident stated that we went through this a few years ago and why are we doing it again? The reply was because the Forum was asked about one being set up. He also raised that as we are an unusual area were we confident that the same amount of money that goes into the precept for Clacton-on-Sea would go to the Parish council in Jaywick? There was no answer available to the question as until it is looked into by the steering committee we would not be sure.

First Aiders on the beach – it was raised that there are no trained first aiders available on our beach's – to write to head of leisure and ask if we could possibly have beach patrol cover – it would not be for this year but maybe they could fund for next year, especially as our beach pulls in a lot of visitors.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

30th September 2009 – 2pm at the Golf Green Hall.