

Jaywick Community Forum



OPEN MEETING Resource Centre

27th January 2pm

ATTENDEES:

John Wolton, Dan Casey, Gill Elkins, Sylvia Hobbs, Ian Burit, Brenda Oliver, Suzy Shimell, Ray Hanson, Liz Kearly (Frobisher), Brian Webb (FOB's), Mike Smith (History Society), John Milligan, Karl Randal, Chris Griffiths (Essex County Councillor for Clacton West) Ivan Henderson. 30+ members of the public,

APOLOGIES:

Guinness Trust, Steve Lee-Foster, Hilary Entwistle,

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Agreed and signed

MATTERS ARISING:

None

UP DATE FROM CHAIR:

Have had several meeting since November. There have been various groups etc invited to this meeting. JW feels that we need longer for the committee to meet and either to start at 1.30 or invite public in at 3.00 – this was discussed and agreed to start all meetings at 1.30 so that the committee can discuss any necessary items before the public arrive, who have got used to 2.30 so felt better not to alter this. Also the timing was better for the majority as a later public meeting section would have meant a later finish, which was not suitable for everyone.

UP DATE FROM KARL RANDEL:

Introduced Anita and Mel who are doing a degree/postgraduate course at university and will be around the area for some while.

There will be no gating to Brooklands at present as it has been found to be illegal

UP DATE FROM STEVE LEE- FOSTER – discussed by Karl Randal as SLF has sent apologies.

Please note the below is an email directly for SLF

1. Newsletter

The organisations that make up the Jaywick Strategic Leadership Group (JSLG) are intending to produce a regular newsletter for Jaywick residents. This will highlight what is going on in terms of regeneration, and provide information and ideas about all the local initiatives. Our new community worker, Teresa Watson, starts with Margaret's team next week and she will work with the Forum to help you shape and contribute to future newsletters.

2. Coastnet

Many people will have heard of Coastnet's success in attracting Lottery funding for a four-year programme. We were not involved in the bid in any way but want to support the organisation and work with them to make the project a success. We have conveyed our preference that the project avoids duplicating or confusing existing projects. Coastnet have said they are aware of the need to work with local people and they will shape their work to reflect feedback.

3. Housing Strategy

We have started approaching the owners of empty and derelict properties to see if they are willing to sell their sites to us. An initial group of sites have been identified and we are in discussions through our agents, Savills, with a number of owners. In addition, Savills have contacted all the local estate agents where properties in Brooklands and Grasslands are advertised as being for sale. We have wanted to see if any owners have had difficulty selling their property; where this is the case we may be able to undertake some purchases of properties on the open market if they would otherwise lie empty or unsold. The initial priority for all purchases is to see if we can create a new pedestrian route in Brooklands that is safe to use. This will entail demolishing properties to create the new route. All this will take some time and I want to emphasise that all purchases are being undertaken on a voluntary basis with willing sellers.

We are aware of a letter dated 23rd January circulated in Jaywick by Omega Property Services. We have no connection with Omega Property Services. The County Council will not discuss or offer any advice to any owner directly who wishes to sell a property. It is entirely up to owners whether they contact Savills directly or instruct an estate agent locally to market a property. Only Savills are acting on behalf of the County Council in connection with any acquisition.

Letter as sent to interested agencies within area (- this information can be passed on)

As you will be aware, Savills are now working on behalf of ECC on property acquisitions in Jaywick. They will therefore deal with any queries relating to this work and all owners should speak directly with Savills.

The following contact details can be used by yourselves or owners if people have queries:

James Mugleston - 01245 293222

Tim Cooper - 01245 293243

Simon Webb 01245 293285

Karl discussed this matter and said Omega would be making money out of this as with any sale but if sold directly by the house owner to the ECC via Savills there would be no agent fees.

UP DATES FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATION:

I.B. – Still need more coordinators for Neighbourhood Watch. Burglaries are still a problem.

S.S. – The centre is plodding along but is dire need of more bookings. Blast noise – MOD are involved. There is signage on the beach now but more is still required.

S.H. – Nothing to Report

BW – Nothing to Report

B.O. – Nothing to Report

G.E. – Apologies over the Unity magazine – due to bad weather and shortage of supplies for copying it has been late going out. In addition, some dates were missed from the diary due to it being written Christmas/New Year time.

J.W. – Going on as usual

R.H. – Nothing to Report

D.C. – Nothing to Report

L.K. – Parents are having difficulties attending the meetings but there is now a parent forum at the school so will bring matters raised there, that affect the community, forward. Nursery to be open from Easter in the afternoon as well as mornings.

M.S. – Getting some frames to hold pictures for the Resources Centre of the area some years ago – as at the Golf Green Hall.

C.G. – To keep trying to get updates on ongoing projects. Seafront items are still all ongoing re beach cleaning etc, though a letter from the portfolio holder for Leisure, Stephen Maize, stated that the community maybe could get some funding through grants but CG feels this is not the answer. Mr Mayes also stated the community could be involved with the process of the work.

J.M. – Nothing to Report

Ivan Henderson – most things will be ongoing at least until after the General Election, so until after then there will not be much progress on anything connected to the government or any of its agencies

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to Report

PUBLIC ALLOWED IN

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Fresh & Fruity – this was explained as being a P.C.T. initiative, which started 15th January 2010 in conjunction with local services. There are three things the project does

1. To aid the community to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables
2. Has a manned van with volunteers who are all Health trained and they can give advice on health matters and if necessary signpost them to the correct agency.
3. Recipes and tips available on the van.

They have received funding from the Crime & Disorder Partnership and from the Interaction Panel. Inclusion Ventures are involved with helping to supply volunteers.

The project is initially for three months but hopefully it could be set up, after this period, as a social enterprise.

Also, there is to be an advice centre set up in the Open Road office for health advice etc. this is to be every Thursday starting from 11th Feb.

Green Elms/Health Care – Mr Patel spoke about his diabetic clinic and other specialist clinics he has started and that he helps out at some of the surgeries in Clacton-on-Sea. He has taken a special interest in Green Elms and feels we had no proper care in Jaywick until November but things are now being

done and in the last 3-4 weeks has spoken to ChilversMcCrea to get things done to help improve the situation. They (Green Elms) are planning a surgery one day a week in the Brooklands area to be run by Dr McCrea in the long term. Dr McCrea is also aware of the problems at the surgery and is determined to get it right but it all takes time. He is confident he can do it and should have problems resolved in 6 months. Dr McCrea also feels that the adverse publicity is affecting the ability to recruit staff and to keeping staff. This was discussed and the consensus was that we and the groups in Jaywick are there for the community not just the surgery and we must keep pressure on so that the problems are resolved. It was agreed that things were better for a few weeks in November/December but had now gone backwards. Communication seems to be a big problem and Dr McCrea or someone from Green Elms was supposed to attend the meeting but was unable to, though no apology has been received to the Forum.

Mrs Murphy stated she felt that if the administration side was sorted it would go a long way to sorting problems. She has told Dr McCrea this.

Mr Jackson (Jaywick & Tudor Residents Association Medical Rep) stated that he had been involved with the surgery / PCT since 2002 and felt that nothing was sorted or better since that time, if anything it is worse. He stated that though people that live in Brooklands and Grasslands complain about the surgery there are never any complaints in the box at the Resource Centre, though there are and have been at Mr Patel's chemist and Golf Green Hall. These have been taken forward and the answers are by each box. He had written two letters to the paper, the first praising the improvements then three/four weeks later one that was complaining about the withdrawal of services that had been in place (this is after they had contacted him for comments, which he was not prepared to give over the phone). He felt it was important that residents were aware that he and the Jaywick & Tudor Residents Association were aware that problems, that had seemed to be resolved had, within a short space of time, recurred.

It was stated that the PCT had said there were no plans to supply a surgery in Brooklands, even after a petition.

It was agreed to invite the P.C.T to the next meeting to answer the questions raised at the September and October meetings

Brooklands Property Purchases - Karl Randal repeated what was told to the committee regarding the purchase of properties within Brooklands and said priority for purchase was derelict and empty property but some "lived" in properties may be brought but obviously it was not a never-ending pot of money. The agent from Omega said they sent letters to all property's in the area notifying them of the chance to sell their property after they were contacted about any available properties. He also said improvements were happening but it was a long, slow process. The car park, the extension to the Resource Centre, the MUGA and the garden behind the MUGA were all part of the regeneration of the area and it might not seem much and may not be what some people want but it is still improvements to the area.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

24th February 2010 – 1.30pm at the Golf Green Hall.