

Jaywick Community Forum



MEETING GOLF GREEN HALL

29th July 2009

2pm

ATTENDEES:

John Wolton, Mick Masterton, Gill Elkins, Sylvia Hobbs, Ian Burit, Suzy Shimell, Ray Hanson, Karl Randal, John Milligan, Margaret O'Dell. Douglas Carswell (MP), Carlo Guglielmi (Regeneration Portfolio holder), Chris Griffiths (Essex County Council for Clacton West) 40 + members of the public

APOLOGIES:

Brenda Oliver, Dan Casey, Tracey Savoury/Sonia Fairweather

WELCOME TO DOUGLAS CARSWELL

John introduced Douglas Carswell (MP) to the audience and asked him to speak to us.

DC said he would talk for a few minutes and then he would answer question after that, any he was unable to reply too he would get back to us and let us know the answers.

DC said he felt that Jaywick was not a problem but it has problems and support was required for local people's needs. It needs certainty and commonsense and now Tendring District Council has changed it needs to deliver and not just talk.

He has arranged a meeting with Tendring District Council and Essex County Council to ask them, when realistically they can say if and when things can be done. He wants no unkeepable promises or "bullshit". The area needs information on who owns derelict and "abandoned" properties and make the owner do or to be responsible for the work on them and to take care of the properties.

There is a need to deal with deliverable aims and needs and Tendring District Council and Essex County Council need to work with a concentrated effort for achievable things sooner rather than later – we want things that are deliverable not false promises. Regeneration is about real differences with achievable aims.

QUESTIONS/REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR:

- The council did a survey on all the roads in the area – but they cannot do all at once due to funding restrictions, only a few a year – they, after I got in touch with Mr Griffiths have agreed to do my road. But it seems a waste of funds to do all the surveys so far in advance.
- Written to Lord Hanningfield and it took 60 days before I got a reply – this time lapse and the reason for the letter, to get properties either side cleared up, were discussed. It was felt 60 days was a long time for a response.
- If you are trying to identify problems and the improvement for Jaywick, why not ask the residents. The Forum Newsletter, which was sent out in March, was shown and though it went to all houses in Jaywick, the people asking this and some others said they had not seen it. "Wish List" results distributed around hall. To be on web site in next few days as well.

At this point Carlo was introduced to the floor and he explained he had been around the area with Karl Randal (Intend) and Stephen Lee-Foster (Senior Regeneration Officer ECC) and he said he is sincere in tackling Jaywick problems – we will listen and do something was his comment.

- Grants to land lords to update properties was stopped – discussed but no further action
- Felt it was time money was spent in Jaywick – big items in paper saying X amount for Jaywick and yet we never see any results, it all goes on “consultation”. Carlo responded that he agreed and that the Forum has a positive attitude and it will all take time for things to be sorted but Essex County Council and Tendring District Council were keen to take improvements forward.
- Dog bins and litter picking on the beach needs sorting – I B said that CG (ECC Cllr) was looking into funding and getting a cleaner for the area, the beach cleaner stops at the café near The Close and goes no further. Also it was raised the Southend supply dog bins with scoopers and bags attached maybe Tendring District Council could do something like that.
- Resource Centre – there is nothing for the children since Bishops Park School has taken all the things that went on there for children and for many parents/carers it is to far too go. Discussed and suggested contacting CVST for grant advice as would like to run some events. Further to this it was said about so much going on to Bishops Park like the library which did not assist in creating a community.
- Being affected by crime and rowdiness in the roads off Broadway. G E to write to Jon Hayter at Clacton police to see if the dispersal order in Broadway could be time and area extended.
- Ron Walker (Cllr St Osyth) says he get requests for things and time and time again he has to go back and keep asking, it wears them down in the end and they supply what’s needed. He also said we need to deal with now not the far future.
- There was a general discussion on the lighting/roads and rubbish.
- Concerns were raised about Green Elms health centre and the care they offer. C G to take forward with the PCT

This section of the meeting was closed with both DC and CG saying to contact them if things seem to be drawing out and not getting done.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Agreed and signed. Proposed I B. Seconded RH

MATTERS ARISING:

None

UP DATE FROM CHAIR:

Parish Council – need 100% support from the Forum committee to go ahead with a petition to see if residents want a Parish Council. This was discussed and agreed that if a petition is done people need to know the pros and cons before they sign anything. It was asked if maybe some of the members of the committee had reservations and the question was asked and about 50% of those attending did.

Meeting regarding wish list still ongoing and nothing is set in stone but some work has started with the community payback team.

UP DATES FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATION:

I.B. – Getting more members for Neighbourhood Watch joining. Dispersal order working well. Had a good night on Monday last with a get together for NW coordinators. Asked what qualification Mr Patel at the chemist has – it was explained that he has the same qualification as a ward sister or practice nurse for diagnosis and prescription writing.

S.H. – Anglia in Bloom – judges were very positive but we do not know the outcome until September. We had a lot more support from Tendring District Council this year. Jaywick in Flower – we now only do the front gardens as it takes so long to do back ones, getting permission and getting in are the problems – there was not as many as before due to far more front gardens being concreted over in the last year.

The hall is going well but concerned that they cannot seem to get a lease sorted, have been rumours that only a year’s lease’s are being given, if this is the case it will not be worth bothering as many items that require

sorting cost hundreds of pounds. For example the hall floor needs sanding and polishing and the cost is in to the thousands! C G said he will speak to David Hall and see what can be sorted.

S.S – Plodding along though usage of the centre is down and we need help to get bookings

M.M. – With M O, the Wardens and Frobisher school, have sorted and designed some “green areas” in Brooklands. In coordination with Steve Foster am trying to discover ownership of the beaches and who owns the Sunspot area.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the summer fayre such a success.

G.E. – Nothing to Report from Jaywick & Tudor Residents Association but Guinness Trust have said the grass on their land should be cut by Tendring District Council in 3 weeks. Also the web site is doing well with over 200 “hits” this month.

R.H. – Very busy at present and we need more volunteer drivers – the training will be paid for by Tendring Community Transport and expenses for meals etc are covered when driving.

BO – absent.

SF - absent.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing to Report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- i. Carlo Guglielmi (Regeneration Portfolio holder) – thanked us for the invite and said he had taken on the problems that Jaywick has and there is no reason why the area should get less than everyone else has. He is keen to interact with groups such as the Forum and will act as an intermediary if necessary for anyone. He wants the place better presented with less crime. It is a very exciting time for Jaywick

At this point Karl Randal gave an update on the Local Strategic Partnership.

- Tamarisk Way car park will be landscaped after the holiday period.
- Neighbourhood team is still very active.
- Crispin Downs is proceeding with the designs for the MUGA, Tudor Field and Martello tower area.
- Land registration to be looked into during August.
- In discussion with the police regarding alleyways in Brooklands.
- Planning in the area – which was explained and suggest going on to the web site to see the latest information. Why some building work still going on. K R explained it was permission given before the order was put in place. Then the question was raised about car parks – these do not need planning or building permission. KR advised if you are going for planning permission it is best to ask the planner your chances first – this way you do not pay out trying to get permission that will not be gained.
- Been in discussion with the Environment Agency about the dykes and car park and the meeting was very positive agreed to clear from the Sun Spot to the sluice gate in Brooklands in the next 2 weeks then to do annually. Later on they will mend steps and handrails that are already there and hopefully

replace the ones that no longer exist. All in all a positive meeting. Footnote – it has been arranged that once the dykes are clear the Payback team will help to maintain the area.

- ii. Community Probation Service - Some work completed but still ongoing activities.
- iii. Wish List – discussed at open meeting part.
- iv. Interaction Exit Strategy – This is the last financial year of the Interaction Board and we are looking at options and we have a working group set up – with John Milligan, J W, Roy Raby, Sharon Alexander (CVST), to identify options. The present set up of covering two wards is not thought to be practical and we are trying to get into partnership with the LSP structure for Town centre. In November 2009 the exit strategy will go before the board, with the possibility of a new neighbourhood team including the wardens which focus solely on Jaywick from April 2010.
- v. Local Awareness – dispersal area discussed and to write to C.I. Jon Hayter before 21st August 2009.
- vi. Free Travel – R H brought up that community buses (especially the Hospital Hopper) do not have free travel, this was discussed and Ray to take to Tendring District Council who will have to pay for it.

Thanks were expressed to the wardens from the floor.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

26th August 2009 – OPEN MEETING - 2pm at the Resource Centre.

ON GOING MATTERS

It was raised that a local farmer had told a resident that the Environment agency are not keeping the dykes in the area maintained.



Mention was made about dog fouling – this was discussed and it was said by MO that the street warden had issued notice about this to offenders. John Wolton to look into what else can be done. Poo bins are urgently required.

