

# COULBY NEWHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

*The beginning of the week King Richard III (1483-1485) lay in state in Leicester Cathedral before re-interment*

**PRESENT** Councillor Jan Brunton, Daniel Gregg (Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners ) Graham ( Jomast) PC Tash Majo (Coulby Newham Police Office) Debi Whitehead (Chair) and residents. **APOLOGIES** Councillor Geoff Cole, Stewart Muir Williams, Mr Johnson

**Our new PC Majo**, gave the crime figures for Coulby Newham for February which showed very slight changes from those of February last year – all were still in single figures.

Apart from these Anti Social Behaviour is the main issue. It was agreed tonight that the Police Priority here should continue to be around Harvington Chase and the Manor Youth Club. It's known that youngsters are coming here from Hemlington, Beechwood, Easterside. Not all involved in ASB are from Coulby Newham..

PC Majo explained about the Public Spaces Order and new Powers of Dispersal and said that a 48 Hour Temporary Dispersal imposed last weekend made a big impact.

Trouble at McDonalds then led to six youngsters being taken home by the Police and their parents being made aware of the situation. McDonalds may impose a 7pm Curfew and restrict youngsters in to 2 at a time.

The issue of several vehicles being parked near a bend on Coulby Manor Way was discussed again. The resident of Thistle Rise responsible continues to use the grass verge and the road for his parking spaces. Recently an emergency ambulance with blue lights flashing could not get through and had to be kept waiting for several minutes while cars in transit on the road shuffled around those parked up to make space.

PC Majo said cars are allowed 28 days without tax. The offence is a Council responsibility. Double yellow lines were suggested – also a Council responsibility to enforce. Councillor Brunton said the Council is monitoring the situation and conducting checks. They will continue to do so.

The point was made that a Business can not be run from a residential address in Coulby Newham.

With the help of Power Point presentation **Senior Planner Daniel** explained the reasons for locating **Kentucky Fried Chicken** with Aldi on Arundales former car showroom site. Jomast, the developers who now own the site, thought it too big for Aldi alone and the addition of KFC would make the best use of the land. The allocation of 22 car parking spaces for KFC and 90 for Aldi - plus those for disabled customers, could be shared. Delivery wagons for both would use the only entrance then back up - Left for KFC and Right for Aldi. The location is ideal – accessible for foot, bike, car and bus – with a bus stop just outside the entrance.

For KFC noise has been taken into account - Daniel quoted the allowed decibel figures - an acoustic fence would be installed for extra foil. Lighting has been taken into account – there would be no overspill from the KFC part of the site. CCTV would be installed both inside and outside the Restaurant. 40 – 45 jobs would be provided -which is equivalent to 28 full time.

Healthier food is the standard. KFC may open for breakfast - the hours of business have not yet been set..

Four bins would be placed around the building and staff would check for litter 4 times a day.

Residents present were concerned about the impact KFC might have on the lives of our elderly residents living next door in Kirkley Lodge. Drive-Thru orders would be taken on the other side of the adjoining fence. Engines would be kept running resulting in fumes and noise. A resident noted a comparison in the running engine of a vehicle outside in Langdon Square car park tonight making it difficult for us to hear inside. Would the same be continuous from KFC?

McDonalds DriveThru Restaurant further along Dalby Way in the Parkway Village was given as an example - the line of cars queuing seems to be never ending, even on Christmas Day.

How good is the filtration equipment to remove odours and where in the building will the exhaust release to atmosphere? The prevailing wind is westerly and Kirkley Lodge lies directly to the east of KFC. Residents would be breathing emitted fumes and smells during opening hours.

PC Majo's information that Anti Social Behaviour in the Parkway Village area is serious enough for McDonalds to think about imposing a 7pm curfew on youngsters and having extra security on site - gave cause for concern.

Monseigneur Gerard said he is most unhappy with the proposed situation. Sick and elderly people live in Kirkley Lodge and St John of God's bungalows. Others visit the Cathedral. It would be insensitive to think about building a KFC on this site. Who would want their elderly, vulnerable relation to move into Kirkley Lodge now.

Jomast also owns Site L which is the land between the Parkway Surgeries and the Fire Station roundabout. Outline Planning Permission has been granted for non food retail there. A suggestion was made tonight that this would be an ideal spot to site KFC. No one objected to Kentucky Fried Chicken coming to Coulby Newham – just to Arundales. Graham said there was already some interest in Site L – but.....

He said letters have been sent to the nearest houses to let residents know of the forthcoming Planning Application. They have also visited Kirkley Lodge to keep Anchor Homes staff and residents informed of their forthcoming Planning Application.

It was noted that no one from Kirkley Lodge staff or Anchor was present tonight.

Councillor Brunton explained that the rules for granting Planning Permission take into account the impact on amenities. The impact on other businesses is not a consideration. Permission may come with Conditions. Planning Rules must be always be followed.

The Application for Kentucky Fried Chicken will be submitted in April

**Councillor Brunton** was sad to report that a Business Plan for residents to run Lingfield Countryside Centre themselves is not now going to be submitted to the Council. Use for the building is open for ideas and offers again.

Regarding rumours about **'Norse' taking over Council services** and a decision being made before Mayor Mallon leaves his post in May, she said points are being considered but no decision has been made.

**Cones** seem to be everywhere at the moment directing traffic along Newham Way - all for pedestrian crossings and road narrowing.

**The Rise of the Rats** – it seems they have been seen in various places around Coulby Newham - near the Job Shop, at Coulby Manor Farm, TESCO side car park, the car park near St Mary's, the footbridge from St Mary's – foxes are seen around this area regularly too. What to do?

Residents said 'takeaway' litter is not helping. Litter can be seen in places where taxis park up.

***As this is the last Community Council Meeting before the Election Councillor Jan Brunton was given a Round of Applause and "Thank You" for all her hard work for Coulby Newham and for her regular attendance at Community Council meetings***

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***This is also the last Meeting while Mayor Mallon is in Office and with another Round of Applause Coulby Newham Community Council would like to Thank him for his help in Coulby Newham over the years and send him Our Very Best Wishes for the future***