

COULBY NEWHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 13th July 2015 (AGM)

PRESENT (Attendance sheet circulated), together with Debi Whitehead (Chair), Councillors Jan Brunton, Geoff Cole and Joe Culley. Plus residents

APOLOGIES Joan Cook, Keith Cook, Olywn Thomson, Doug Thomson.

PC Sanderson unable to attend and give his report to the meeting due to police duties.

Chair's Report on meetings and events since last AGM. The Chair gave a summary of these. Notable events included a visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner, a representative from Jomast leading to a discussion over the new proposed KFC, a visit from Rob Farnham to discuss new pedestrian crossings in the ward and other roadworks. Meetings also discussed the question of a liquor licence at Lingfield Ash.

Sharon Carr gave a talk on Anti-Social Behaviour and new powers from Government. Mark Saunders gave a talk on the future of Newham Grange Farm. The Deputy Manager of the Coulby Tesco gave a meeting an insight into the workings of the store. A presentation was given on the 'Dig at the Dell'. Regular updates were given from the police, fire services and Councillors Brunton and Cole.

Winter and spring flowers were planted. Comments that the Christmas lights looked good. Stencil markings on pavements to deter dog fouling. It was confirmed that more detailed reports would be available on request.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed this report could be considered at the next Executive meeting, after which residents would have the opportunity to consider it.

Discussion of planning application for **3 x Take aways** on the site of the former toilet block at the Parkway Centre. Cllr Cole explained that this Application was not yet before the planning committee, but that he had not yet received any feedback other than on the issue of opening hours. Residents with concerns are still able to submit objections.

A query was then raised as to whether these new Takeaways are necessary given the presence near the site of McDonalds, the new KFC etc. It was suggested that there would be parking issues and problems with litter. A further query was raised as to whether the Takeaways were in the correct location, and whether there would be a problem with rats.

Cllr Cole confirmed that the Council would be responsible for clearing rubbish from the car park, but in response to a further query confirmed that the Council could look into the possibility of recovering some of the costs of this. Cllr Brunton stated that the most recent Forum 5 meeting had objected to the Application. New bins may not alleviate problems of litter if these are not used by customers.

The meeting then voted to oppose the Application, which was passed without objection.

Councillors' Updates

Cllr Brunton promoted the Coulby Fire Station Open Day next Sunday (19 July 2015), which should be particularly fun for those with children/grandchildren.

Newport Bridge should re-open fully this month, however the Transporter Bridge is once again closed for maintenance works. She also commented that the new Middlesbrough Sports Village is attracting new events, the gym is proving popular and schools are using the facility. A query was raised as to who owns and who receives the profit from the Sports Village. Cllr Brunton confirmed she would look into this.

Cllr Cole advised that the KFC noise readings had been completed and returned to the planning agent, who would have to discuss these with the owners of the land. A query was raised as to whether there is yet a specific date for when the application would return to be heard by the planning

committee. It was confirmed that the committee had been unable to deal with the application within the normal time limits due to issues with the noise surveys but no new date has been set.

The new Aldi is set to open on 13 August 2015.

Cllr Culley referred to the application by local councils across the Tees Valley for £22m of funding from the EU's 'Youth Employment Initiative'. The result of the bid should be known in the next few weeks. If successful funding will go towards schemes to provide training opportunities for 7,000 under-25s not in education, employment or training across Teesside.

Any Other Business

The Chair raised the fact that the local Tesco is always looking for ways to help the local community. Projects so far include three rooms to be painted at Sunnyside Academy. Any residents with suggestions are encouraged to contact her.

A further query was then raised in relation to the new potash mine in North Yorkshire, for which planning approval was awarded last week. The mine will include a tunnel to Middlesbrough to transport the potash, and it was questioned what disruption this would cause.

2015/2016 Executive Committee Elections

It was agreed by the meeting to re-elect the existing executive committee as it stands

A. Wood, D. Lane, J. Cook, P. Thompson, J. Davies, M. Clarke, D. Whitehead, O. Thomson,
Also attending - Cllrs Brunton, Cole, Culley.