

COULBY NEWHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 1st December 2014 in Langdon Sq C Centre

PRESENT Councillor Jan Brunton, PCSO Rob Brooks , Debi Whitehead (Chair) Joan Cook (Sec) plus residents

APOLOGIES Councillor Geoff Cole and Pauline Weatherley, Monica Clarke

For the **Fire Service**, Councillor Brunton reported that national strikes will be held on Tuesday 9th and Wed 10th December . Industrial action is being taken in protest of Fire Officers Pension arrangements. She said cover will be maintained by duty management and auxillary staff and advised everyone to take extra care at those times.

Residents gave our Fire Officers credit and said they were sure they would respond if it was a matter of life or death.

PCSO Brooks read out **Chief Inspector Lamplugh's letter** of disappointment on events around Mischief Night/Halloween/Bonfire Night.. All agencies - Police, Council etc. had worked together in the hope of avoiding over exuberance leading to criminality. He said there were some appalling actions by roving gangs of youths. It's a wonder no one was injured or killed . They are working to identify offenders. More arrests are to come. Parents will be held to account. He asked for any information to be given to the Police or Crimestoppers and for people to keep up to date with events via Facebook and Twitter.

Apart from the above, things are quiet in Coulby Newham. Crimes committed in October totalled 32 compared to 64 in 2013. Anti Social Behaviour has decreased . All other categories of crime have too. In 2013 there were 15 burglaries. There was one in 2014. (*Two burglars are in gaol.*)

Asked if anyone wished to name a topic/area in need of Police Priority – all stayed quiet on the crime front .

Residents did wonder what could be done to stop someone turning the grass verge alongside Coulby Manor Way into a scrap yard. Why not use his own drive for servicing cars.. One car has no lights. Is this a Police matter? Councillor Brunton said the Council is monitoring this situation.

PCSO Brooks said this situation is not a Police matter. **Cars** are allowed to be used for 14 days without tax - but he will check on the finer points of the changes regarding the DVLA.

It was noted that a resident cannot run a business from either a rented or private house here.

Re. The Last Minutes The Licensing Committee will meet on Monday 8th December to consider a **Liquor Licence** for Mr Patel, Proprietor of Lingfield Ash Newsagent/General -Dealer/Post Office. There was both support and objections to the application via E Mail and letters - and a petition was available for signing For and Against in the shop itself.

Councillors Brunton and Cole (who were Against) were thanked for leafleting residents of Lingfield Ash, Willowbank and Beechfield asking for their opinions after a concerned resident wondered if the people living in the 3 estates nearest the shop knew about the application.

There was disappointment that Councillor Hudson, who lives in Lingfield Ash and supported the Application, does not involve himself with Community Council business.

The Chair gave thanks to residents for providing and planting up the 3 x 'Welcome to Coulby Newham ' signs at the road entrances to our estate with **winter/spring flowers**. Between Community Council members and the Council gardeners the tubs on the central reservation along Newham Way were planted up too. Middlesbrough Council will take over full responsibility in the summer.

The Christmas ropelights on our lamp standards should be on and illuminating by Wednesday. Gallifordtry is the company now overseeing the project.

The base for the **Safe Haven** project is not yet ready to receive over indulgent weekend revellers so a bus has been leased in the meantime for the purpose.

Proposed Speed Limit changes for roads in our area were discussed.

For the road in **De Brus Park** - 20 mph was proposed. This brings it into line with all roads within estates. *No objections.*

For **Rye Hill Way** – an increase from 20 mph to 30 mph was proposed . *No objections.*

There were plenty of objections to changes to the **B1365 to Stokesley** from 60mph from

The Gables roundabout to the Boro Boundary at Arcadia Nurseries. Proposed is a speed limit of 40 mph from The Gables roundabout to just before the Coulby Farm pub then 50 mph to the Boro Boundary .

Residents pointed out the road is winding all the way. An advisory sign of 40 mph at Cherry Hill corner means reducing speed then increasing. A lady rambler said they cross directly from the Coulby Pub exit to a metal barrier leading them along behind the bushes to Larchfield and agreed that 50 mph at that point is too fast. .

A speed of 40mph all the way was proposed by Paul Thomson, seconded by Dennis Lane and voted for unanimously by everyone. In fact, it was hoped the Highways Engineer could get an agreement with Hambleton district for the whole length of the B1365 to Stokesely - to be set at 40mph.

A **Planning Application for Site L** (the land alongside Newham Way and between the Surgeries and Fire Station roundabout) has been submitted by Jomast as the spot for a Non Food Retail Store. No building was drawn in. It 's just an outline plan at the moment. Jomast also owns Arundales site where work will soon begin on an Aldi Store.

The Parkway Centre is in need of extra car parking spaces and Site L was mentioned as an ideal spot . Residents were curious about the sort of outlet in mind and very concerned about potential extra traffic. Councillor Brunton will make inquiries and keep everyone informed.

Councillor's Updates

The Council has £3.6m Government money to spend on road improvements, mainly in south Middlesbrough. Hemlington Grange, the new Rail Halt and the Sports Village were areas mentioned, to name but a few.

From 1st December, **some Bus Services** will be running to new Timetables and Routes.

One bus now travels along Ladgate Lane, left along Marton Road and past James Cook hospital. This was thought a good service for Coulby patients and will save having to catch 2 buses there.

Not everyone had received a leaflet noting the changes. Passengers today were in confusion.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting 7pm Monday 9th February 2015.