

MINUTES

Barden Residents Association Meeting

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

In Attendance

Mark Hood (Chair), Lucy Athey (secretary), Fran Long (treasurer), Matt Sargent, Gill Sargent, Felix Wenzel, Megan LeGoubin, Cathy Chadwick, John Cackett, Alison Cackett, Julie Lane, Averil Langridge, Harry Elliot, Troy Jones, Claire O'Shea

Approval of Minutes & Apologies

Mark Hood (chair) called the meeting to order and the previously circulated minutes from 27th May were approved. Apologies from Julie Bowie, Greg Fox, Glynn Rees, Jo Murphy, Jo Young.

20mph Campaign

We are still awaiting for the date of the next meeting for the Joint Transportation Advisory Board (the committee attended by both TMBC & KCC Councillors). Need to continue to work to get the support of *both* Judd ward Councillors. It was suggested we ask residents (via the facebook page) to write to the Councillors to ask for their support. Although we do not have a school (like Slade and Meadow Lawn areas who are 20mph) we do have many school children who go to both these schools using these roads. MH to write to the Joint Transportation Board again.



Business Permits

Mark briefly outlined the history of the business permits in D1 and D2 and informed us that Andy Edwards at TMBC is putting together a proposal for Cllrs Bolt and Cure to consider to reduce business permits. CO made us aware that a local traffic warden has been collating information in the area. Martin Coulstock has put together a survey which needs to be delivered to local residents, any volunteers should contact him via the facebook page (or via Lucy/Mark).

River Lawn

We are still awaiting a decision about Village Green Status from KCC. No news on the start date for the building of the medical centre.

Summer Social – Sunday 15th July

To be held in Tonbridge Park, near Tonbridge Juniors. Sub-committee is to be formed to meet (date tbc) to discuss more details. MS volunteered to join sub-committee, all others are welcome to help.

New Signs

MH proposed that signs are installed near the lake, high street and train station pointing out the location of Barden Stores and The Nelson Arms. MH to find out how much these would cost. We would obviously need permission from the council to have these erected, MH has a contact in the Street Scene department who could advise us. All were in favour of the idea in principal.

Station Road Layout Changes

FL informed those present about the proposed changes to the roads near the station. Although some changes are positive (improved pedestrian crossings for example) there were concerns raised about other areas, in particular the narrowing of the road outside Lidl – an area that is already extremely congested. All were in favour of responding to the council with our feedback. MH to put a survey on the Facebook group and then use this data to help formulate an official response from our association.

AOB

- GDPR – FL gave an overview of how this affects businesses and small associations like ours, LA to look further into this and contact members on our mailing list.
- Our AGM will be in September – It is in our constitution that officers do not stand for longer than three years therefore members need to start thinking if they would like to stand as secretary, treasurer, vice-chair or chair.

Next Meetings

Meetings usually alternate on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to enable as many people as possible to attend and are held at the Scout Hut in Lambert's Yard (unless advertised being elsewhere).

The next meetings are;

Tuesday 17th July 2018

AGM - Wednesday 19th September 2018

Tuesday 20th November 2018