

## **Minutes of Semilong Community Forum meeting March 2nd 2005**

**Present:** Alan Snedker (BBOB Rugby Club), Karen Fruish, Mark Walker, Mark McDonnell (CASPAR manager, Northants Police), Brian Crutchley, Margaret Andrews, Daphne Barritt, Katy Heath, Kevin Gascoyne (NBC Housing Officer), Gerry Burbage (NBC Housing Officer), Sam Cooper-Evans, Kerry Clarke, Rob Chadwick, John Wheeler, Ann Timpson (Spring Boroughs Residents Association)

**Guests:** Peter White – St Giles Church.

**Apologies:** Kate Wills, Cllr Lee Barron (NBC), Cllr Marie Dickie (NCC), PC Ron Frater.

Abbreviations used:

SCF – Semilong Community Forum

NBC – Northampton Borough Council

NCC - Northamptonshire County Council

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

These were agreed.

### **Actions Outstanding:**

- ✓ Ron Frater will put letters through doors in streets where double parking is occurring.
- ✓ Steven to ask his employer for funding for SCF.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Young Volunteers Activity Suggestions**

Brian invited attendees to suggest ideas for activities for the youth volunteers during a week in August.

- Decorating
- Litter Pick
- Clear River rubbish
- Plant borders in Millers Meadow
- Planting around MUGA
- Community Garden
- Music Activities
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Funding could be obtained from the following sources

- B&Q
- Barclays
- Local Businesses
- CASPAR
- Public generosity

Other groups/volunteers who could be involved

- Bosworth students
- Barclays
- Street Football team

It was felt that the best ideas would be those that the local youths would be able to also get involved in and take ownerships of. The thought of planting up the areas around the new play area would help provide a community garden for the local residents and would also mean that the local youths would be more likely to look after the site once the work was completed if they were directly involved.

## **CRIME**

Mark McDonnell reported that there were some concerns over the ongoing policing of the vice issue. Funding has been found to continue overtime working. 420 letters had been sent so far to suspected kerb crawlers. There had also been 120 prosecutions.

The road closures along Harding Terrace would be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The new Community Warden, Ian Greenshields, starts on the 15<sup>th</sup> April covering Semilong and Spring Boroughs, he will be employed by the police but managed through the borough council.

### **Actions:**

- ✓ No Actions

## **EVENTS**

Brian has still not contacted Lee Barron regarding the tents for the summer fete.

### **Actions:**

- ✓ Brian to contact Lee Barron about having the tents at the summer fete

## **EDUCATION**

Planning permission has been given for the demolition of St Georges School and work should start during March 2005

No actions this month

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

The latest bank statement states there is £629-51 in our account subject to cheques clearing.

Mark asked if all future receipts could be itemised. This will help with the audit process.

## **ENVIRONMENT – GREEN**

The very poor state of the fence around Miller's/Paddy's Meadow has been of concern to residents and SCF for some time. SCF is working with Alan Adkinson

to refurbish this area. However the condition of the fence has become critical with no protection around the Super Sausage corner and dangerously rotten parts near the children's play area. Margaret telephoned Alan A's office 02/02/05. There would be no money for replacement until April but the office sent Ranger Jim Brannigan to survey the fence and try to make it safer for now. Margaret met with him on site.

Margaret filled in the Doorstep Greens questionnaire about priorities for green funding based on previous consultations with residents and SCF. She has copies for reference.

Margaret has circulated the latest Green Space newsletter. It has sections to advertise events and news that might be helpful for SCF.

Rob forwarded a very useful offer of volunteer help from Barclays. Margaret will respond to this.

We have been told informally that £200 will be made available for flowers for the Meadow refurbishment.

Brian has the CAD map of the refurbishment provided in liaison with Alan A. Refurbishments are based on consultations over the last 2 years.

Brian has suggestions for summer bulb planting for the Memorial Garden; Margaret to order if committee agrees.

#### **Actions:**

- ✓ Margaret to contact Barclays regarding volunteers.
- ✓ Margaret to order summer plants for the memorial garden.

#### **ENVIRONMENT - URBAN**

Rob said that he still had not heard from Gill Dillon from NBC if the review of the recycling banks had been done and what the result was.

There is currently a planning application for the Co-OP to have an ATM machine sited for 24 hour access by the public. Rob asked if anyone had any concerns regarding this. Most thought that it would mean that there would be more people about the area which may help reduce crime.

Rob asked if anyone was interested in helping organise a contract to have hanging baskets on the lamp-posts around the main shopping area on Semilong Road. Karen had concerned over the maintenance of the baskets. Rob said that a contract with an outside company would involve them maintaining, including watering, of the baskets. Mark suggested that we should get 3 tenders to find out what sponsorship and or funding we needed.

#### **Actions**

- ✓ No Actions Agreed

#### **COMUNICATION**

Brian had found a replacement supplier for the website and will go ahead with arranging the web hosting.

Brian had produced a CASPAR3 community newsletter for distribution around Semilong and Spring Boroughs, the printing will be done by the Borough Council and will be ready for the next CASPAR meeting.

**Actions**

- ✓ Brian to get the website web hosting arranged.
- ✓ Brian to manage the distribution of the community newsletter.

**RECRUITMENT**

Nothing this month

**Any Other Business**

There was no AOB this month

**Next Meeting:**

BBOB Rugby Club, St Andrews Road.

**Wednesday 13th April 2005 7.30 – 9-30pm**

Minutes Agreed (signed)

Chair Date

Secretary Date