

**Minutes of Semilong Community Forum meeting
December 12th 2007**

Present: Zoe Martin, Ann Timson, Ally Dunn, Andy Langton, Steven Welyczko, Pam Thompson, Jen Kenny, Caroline Humphries, Robert Briggs, Brian Crutchly, Stephen Richards, Mike Childs, John Moffat, Michael and Simon from NAYC

Apologies: Daphne Barritt, Jack Thompson, Wendy Howes, Alastair Melton, Steve Richards, Tony Clarke, Rob Chadwick

Abbreviations Used:

SCF - Semilong Community Forum

NBC - Northampton Borough Council

NCC - Northamptonshire County Council

AGYCC - Alliston Gardens Youth and Community Centre

MUGA - Multi Use Games Area (at the bottom of Semilong Road)

WDNC - West Northamptonshire Development Corporation

PCSO - Police community support officer

FOR - Friends of the Racecourse

JAG - Joint Action Group

CWSCT - Castle Ward Safer Communities Team

The meeting opened at 7.36pm and was chaired by Zoe Martin

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Matters arising from the last meeting

Actions

Michelle to see if she can find out who has keys to gated road in Alliston Gardens re rubbish and leak

Further actions outstanding from previous minutes

Zoe to contact Andy Langton from October's meeting - done

Neighbourhood Warden Andy Langton

Section 46 bin bag notices - more should be served in January.

There is to be a meeting regarding continued development of Millers Meadow on Monday 17th. Lights are due to be fitted to the new play area before the end of the financial year. Fly tipping - there is a new computer system at the council which has lead to a delay or in some cases, loss of fly tipping reports. There has been more fly tipping next to the recycling bins at Alliston Gardens.

The Royal Mail sorting office is no nearer to a sale and remains closed and a potential hazard. The Royal Mail have been asked to make it secure and there is to be a meeting with the council regarding this as previous promises by Royal Mail had not been kept. A gate is being sort for the alley way between Hester St and Marriot. The keys for the alley way would be given to residents.

Mrs Thomson noted that dog fouling has been increasing along Semilong Road

Actions

No actions

Events

Brian had attended the Friends of the Racecourse AGM and circulated crime stats for the

Racecourse. A new committee had been voted in

Actions

No Actions

A.G.Y.C.C

MA invited all residents to a party at the centre on 21st December. There would be a Christmas Lunch and mince pies from 10am

Actions

No Actions

Treasurers update

Steven reported that the balance was £513.73
£70 from CASPAR+ had been received and banked

Actions

No Actions

Environment Urban

Zoe read an update from Rob

The planning application for the flats on Grafton Street (Garage site) had been rejected. Zoe had attended a meeting regarding the traffic problems at Castle Primary. A number of possible solutions were being looked at and all parties were talking. A foot bridge was a long term solution. A request for parking restrictions had been rejected by the council as it was felt it would set a precedent around other schools. A walking bus was not being used by the parents.

Mrs Thomson noted that the power sub station was in a mess again.

Actions

Rob to contact relevant party re sub station

Environment Green

Nothing to report.

Mrs Timpson noted that the trees along St Andrew's Rd and Millers Meadow had been trimmed as requested.

AL reported that the shrubs around Quorn Way had also been removed

Actions

No Actions

Communication

The Spring Boroughs newsletter was circulated.

BC reported that there had been a meeting about the website. Minutes would now be available from the website. SW was learning how to also update the site so that the responsibility did not have to lie solely with Brian. A new team was to be set up so that many people could update the site in future.

Actions

No Actions

Crime

BC and RC had attended the recent JAG (Joint Action Group) meetings. The parking on St Georges St was top of the agenda.

Mrs Thomson noted that there seemed to be an increase in drinking in the streets and drunken behaviour along Semilong Road.
AL reported that there had been 4 drugs raids that day. There had also been a search on a house on Semilong Road but this had been carried out by Thames Valley Police.

AOB

Mrs Timpson proposed that the new St James residents group should become affiliated to Down Your Way group which includes Mounts, Spring Boroughs and Semilong. The group had no objections.

Michael and Simon from the NAYC (Northampton Association of Youth Clubs) asked the group if they knew where they could find young people to engage in their project. If no young people could be found, they would be moved on to another area of Northampton. Suggestions were offered. M and S asked that anyone who knew where young people could be found, should contact them via email.

MA A steering group meeting had been held that day and an action plan had been agreed by the group for health improvements for local residents.

Lottery money had been secured for a Sustrans project in the county.

There was to be a meeting at AGYCC on Monday 17th December regarding the new cycling project for the area. An invitation was extended to the group.

The Irish support group was having a health event in January. It was proposed that there should be a special Health update on next month's agenda.

A community Notice board for AGYCC had been approved

Actions

Health on next month's agenda and M and S's email addresses to be circulated

The next meeting is on 7th February 2008 at the BBOB Rugby Club on St. Andrews Road at 7.30 – 9.30pm

Minutes Agreed (signed)

Chair

Date

Secretary

Date