

## KSARA meeting: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Attendees:** Heidi, Deborah, Tony B, Tony M, Chris

**Apologies:** Sue, Krista

Key items updates:

**Broadband** : Dave Assinder asked about this and was told: everyone to do speed test, compile data per household, then can ask Openreach to do an evaluation. Needs assessment is based on usage and need e.g. business/education. DL spoke to man working on the box recently, he said it is not Openreach doing it, council go out to tender and award it to a provider and it is a city-wide thing probably in two years' time. TM: there is a way to apply to Openreach on behalf of the community. CB: suggest committee do tests and see how they compare and see what we do next. Will send round details.

**Facebook** nothing new

**KSARA Card** nothing new

**New residents:** Kings Buildings 2a, Clea Wright, CB to send welcome pack and add to list. No.10 Jane moved into no.20, Jade and Dan moved to Handbridge.

**Planning/Licensing Updates.** No.7: DL spoke to Sam Dixon at recent Leadership meeting about the work being done to this house. Planning and conservation then came to look at it, builder told them not been doing work, 'just doing roof'. Builder in fact went through the wall into Clare's airing cupboard! Planning told him to stop all work but make it water-tight and do electrics only until planning has been signed off. Good process followed and everyone pleased DL has caught this. Faye and John also grateful. Good example of Committee acting on behalf of resident and also the link with Sam Dixon and her support. Hunter street surgery demolition is imminent.

4 Fireman's cottage planning has been granted.

Red Lion: TM popped in to see development and owner pointed out air con. Which should avoid them needing to open windows.

Bull and Stirrup bought surgery next door, knocking through and putting in rooms.

**Pedestrianisation/Thoroughfare.** TM reported feedback was supportive, DL to follow up at Leadership meeting in October.

**CRAG.** Continue to keep going for the moment.

**Leadership meeting:** DL reported back. They discussed licensing, drink spiking and needles into people, female students boycotted Chester nightclubs to raise awareness. Cumulative impact data to be gathered by all areas, DL has cards with contact details for anyone to report problems with pubs and licensing.

Waste collection is staying as it is for the moment.

250 years of canal being celebrated this weekend at the Canal Basin.

Use link from police given to CB for website for reporting anti-social behaviour. Worth doing this to gather data. CB to send round details in time for student return in autumn.

DL reported the money raised from street party for UKR, which was appreciated.

**Pocket park:** DL also mentioned pocket park idea to Sam Dixon, blocking one entry is unlikely to be accepted. Mentioned the drug users use of the area, suggestion was made whether better lighting would help the area?

We discussed the pocket park idea again, we all felt it might be worth having another stab at it to see what could work to clean up the area.

**What's App** for KSARA discussed as a method for collecting data on anti-social behaviour in time for fresher's week. TB to organise it. He will let university liaison committee that we are doing it too.

**History Event** CB to look into it further and discuss next meeting. An evening with.../a quiz? Invite people to talk about their house maybe. Mention at the AGM, maybe run a little teaser mini quiz.

**Sustainable transport.** TB reported from the committee. Ginger scooters incredibly successful. 90% of journeys are A-B. Discussing e bikes.

Going to be an event next year where they will try to get everyone to get there by bikes or walking. Big showcase for wheels. Momentum is growing.

**Northgate Car Park greenery.** The original plan had full greenery over the carpark from all sides. TB enquired about it as it has far from full coverage. Andrew Arditi says not going to do it due to budgets. Faye contacted TB to see what we could do. Felt it affects Kings Buildings the most, would be good if they raised it. TB will enquire whether some of the Hunter Street side could have some green covering as it contributes to reducing the impact of fumes and noise.

Next meeting: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, CB to host. HH chair, SA on minutes

## **AGENDA**

Key items to discuss and provide updates on:

- Broadband
- Facebook
- KSARA Card
- New residents
- History event. CB
- Planning/Licensing Updates
- What's app for ASBO. TB
- Pedestrianisation/Thoroughfare
- CRAG
- Pocket Park
- Remaining events in 2022 - AGM
- Car Park greenery
- AOB