

KSARA Meeting: Tuesday 30th August 2022

Attendees: Heidi, Deborah, Tony B, Chris, Krista, Sue

Apologies: Tony M

1. Membership

Krista flagged to the Committee that she had recently moved out of KSARA area. The Committee asked her to stay on in a co-opted capacity to give continuity until the AGM.

2. Broadband

Tests by the Committee had shown that speeds were much lower in Water Tower Street and the adjoining side of King Street where there is no fibre. Kings Buildings and the other side of King Street have “fibre to cabinet” and hence much higher speeds. Information on the City Fibre website is that the rollout in Chester is scheduled to be completed end of 2023. It was agreed that there was unlikely to be much gained from lobbying City Fibre but residents should be encouraged to log interest on the City Fibre website to be kept updated.

Action: Chris to investigate EE broadband via 5G

3. KSARA No update

4. Facebook No update

5. New residents.

Action: Chris to deliver welcome packs to new residents

6. History event:

Agreed that would use the AGM as a “teaser” to gauge interest amongst residents. Flag up the material from the KSARA website to give a brief history of the area and Tony B to give a 5-minute vignette on his house as an example of how residents might contribute in future to a possible interest group.

Action: Chris to circulate draft quiz questions for possible use at the AGM

Action: Sue to put AGM on Agenda for next meeting

7. Planning / licensing updates

Re Number 7 King Street. Concerns that proposed developments would impact on the status of KSARA as a residential area. Agreed that Deborah and Tony B would lead on the following Actions:

- Solicit views of residents and put in an objection on behalf of KSARA
- Advise others how to put in an objection
- Provide KSARA representation at Planning Committee (in addition to individual residents wishing to attend in person)

8. Traffic

Email just received with details of proposed Chester City Centre Traffic Regulation Orders. Allow for extension to timed traffic closures (except for access) on Northgate Street and adjoining streets. Objections required by September 23rd.

Action: Tony B to consider the email and inform Committee if action required

Outstanding issue discussed of the potential for a serious collision at the junction of Canal Street / Northgate Street following reports of several recent “near misses”.

Action: Tony B to raise again (cc Sam Dixon), suggesting a mini-roundabout as one possible solution

Centurion House: Understood that building has been sold and moving out in October. Committee to keep watching brief.

9. Antisocial Behaviour

Tony B has set up a WhatsApp Group for residents to report ASB incidents so that data is available if needed for future discussions with external parties. It was noted that there had been increasing number of comments from residents about noise from dogs. If this issue comes through on the WhatsApp Group, the Committee can give guidance on the action residents might take on an individual basis.

10. CRAG – no update

11. Pocket Park – discuss at next meeting

12. Future Events

AGM – put placeholders for Nov 22nd and 29th. Finalise at next meeting.

Carol Concert – provisionally Dec 22nd

13. Northgate Greenery

Awaiting a response about a mechanism whereby KSARA can be informed about variations to planning permissions.

14. AOB

A resident had commented on the hazard presented by overhanging tree on the steps by Fireman’s Cottages.

Action: Tony B to investigate how this might be addressed.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 22nd September @ 7.30 pm. Tony M. house (to be confirmed).