

Attending: SH (Chair), TB (minutes), MC, DL. Apologies: CB, HH, TMcD, CW

Minutes of previous meeting (June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.) Agreed subject to minor, non-materially significant amendments. (Action CW to send Word doc of minutes to SH)

### Summer street party

Discussion yielded 3 actions:

- We would regrettably have to cancel the event planned for August 19<sup>th</sup>; due to the unpredictability of recent and forecast weather.
- Consider doing an impromptu “pop up” drinks and snacks event in September (probably 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>) announced at short notice, when we knew the weather was assured and invite all KSARA residents to come along with their own drinks. We would likely have some form of entertainment – like a street busker (MC agreed to organise).
- SH to draft a communique for circulation via Facebook (SH), Website (CB), email (CB) and 21KS Ladies (DL) media routes we routinely use.

### Planning & Licensing

#### Centurion house

SH has been in discussion with the owners (Blue Oak) and after much effort and persistence, has persuaded them to secure the property from entry by rough sleepers.

SH is now in discussions with the owners on two key areas;

- Reinstatement of the street lighting in Firemans Walk (currently switched off) and upkeep of the gardens which are rapidly deteriorating.
- Improving engagement between the owners and residents so that the future development of the site can be discussed with residents and any concerns listened to and acted upon.

Finally, SH will communicate progress to residents affected by Centurion House and prepare them for the possibility of having to object to further planning applications by Blue Oak as a mechanism to get the owners to engage with residents.

#### Other areas

TB reported that there was nothing to report in other planning or licensing that would adversely affect residents.

### Parking

Following the change from physical to electronic parking permissions, MC reported that he was continuing to monitor the situation and speaking to residents, to ascertain whether this change has materially affected the availability of spaces for residents.

### Highways

MC reported that the pothole had been repaired on Kings Buildings, albeit rather poorly. This has been reported back to highways.

SH reported that she was finding it difficult to get any response from highways regarding what action they were planning to make the Canal Street/Northgate Street/Gorse Stacks junction safe. SH to send a further note and consider involving Sam Dixon if there is no response.

### ASB

MC reported that there had been a good response to complaints from residents of drug dealing in and around King Street, which has generated a police response and now moved the problem elsewhere.

MC to keep a watching brief on the situation and encourage residents to keep reporting incidents to the police via 101 or 999 as appropriate.

### Communications

We agreed that after each committee meeting, there should be a brief communique to all residents (via Facebook, email, WhatsApp) highlighting any key points we think they need to be made aware of.

SH (as Chair) agreed to draft this following the meeting.

### AOB

#### CRAG

DL/SH will attend the CRAG AGM on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at St Peters church.

DL reported on the conference being organised by CRAG, to debate ideas that will shape the future prosperity of Chester.

SH/TB/DL will attend this conference on behalf of the committee but as this was open to all KSARA residents, we will communicate this to residents and encourage them to attend and have their voice heard.

#### KSARA AGM

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> are possibilities for DL, SH, TB, MC

CW, CB, HH, TMcD to indicate their availability asap so that DL can explore options for using Storyhouse again.