

Minutes of the meeting of the KSARA Committee 5th March 2024

Present

Sue Houghton (chair)

Chas Warwood (minutes)

Tony McDermott

Deb Lindsay

Mick Confrey

Tony Barcroft

Apologies

Heidi Hackett

1. Minutes of meeting of 6th February approved.
2. Matters arising: Centurion House (see section 4)
3. Transfer of committee IT and banking access

Action: TB/TM to continue to progress this and bring a plan of action to the April meeting.

4. Centurion House

(a) Future communications with Blueoak

SH informed the committee that a meeting was held between KSARA and Blueoak Estate earlier on that day (5th March 2024) to discuss the Centurion House development. The purpose of the meeting was to create a forum to ensure that KSARA is informed of any further planning applications or new developments on site as a matter of courtesy. The committee agreed to hold a meeting in Centurion House or in the Town Hall or other venue, within two weeks.

Actions:

SH and TB to invite residents to the Town Hall/Centurion House meeting (mailshot) and to limit the numbers to 20, prioritising those directly affected by the construction work.

(b) Lighting at Fireman's Square

Lights in the archway have been restored by rewiring via a feed from Centurion House as a temporary solution to the lighting problem.

(c) Parking Permits

The development of Centurion House poses a question concerning the demand for parking spaces in the area. Already Airbnb guests are given parking permits by their hosts, limiting the parking for those who have legitimate resident parking.

Although Blueoak Development asserts that they have 33 parking spaces the fear is that there will be more cars than parking spaces and that they will request permits which they will use to the detriment of residents in the area.

The Committee decided to monitor current parking in the area to determine the use of current resident parking areas to clarify the parking problems.

Actions: CW /TB / MC to monitor King Street and Water Tower Street resident car parking areas. MC to contact CWAC to determine whether Blueoak residents are entitled to King Street and Water Tower Street parking permits.

5. Planning and licensing

The Committee must ensure that they keep in lock step with Blueoak to ensure that any attempt to amend or alter the current planning applications is known and opposed or amended if necessary/possible.

The committee still needs to remain vigilant on licensing issues concerning JAX2 and Popcorn.

Action: TB to monitor the situation

6. Engagement with residents

The Committee discussed how we could engage residents in KSARA activities. This was discussed fully at the March committee meeting. No action has yet been undertaken but the committee decided to encourage residents to organise a team for the Thursday quiz at the Pied Bull. It was suggested that the Pied Bull could be used for summer events instead of the street party, making use of the outside space of the pub.

Actions: TM to arrange a meeting with the Pied Bull manager to discuss the possibility of organising events there.

A team of committee members to go to the quiz when a convenient date can be found. The team will be made of the following committee members: TB, MC, DL, SH, TM.

7. Community Leadership

CRAG meeting: the next meeting is on 4th April at 7pm, St Peter's church.

Action: DC/CW to attend and report back to the Committee.

8. New residents

Simon and Lisa Lloyd, 7 Water Tower Street.

9. Future meetings

To be scheduled on 1st Tuesday of each month.

Date	Chair	Minutes
April 2	Chas	Tony M
May 7	Tony M	Deb
June 4	Deb	Tony B
July 2	Tony B	Heidi
August 6	Heidi	Mick
September 3	Mick	Sue
October 1	Sue	Chas
November 5	Chas	Tony B
December 3	Tony M	Deb