

STURRY AND BROAD OAK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting, Tuesday 18th July 2023

Minutes

Meeting was held at The Golden Lion, and commenced at 18.30

Those attending: Peta Boucher (Chair), Roshna Ahmad, Lynn Burnett, Paula Pearce, Freda Tassell, Fred Tassell, Carol Wanstall, David Wadmore.

Apologies for absence: Heather Stennett, Ann Davies. Councillor Harry McKenzie had hope to attend, but was unable to, due to a family matter.

Minutes of the previous meeting; Matters Arising

David to write to our MP regarding noise abatement issues with reversing alarms, as these need to be looked at on a national level.

We will create a page on the website for recording complaints regarding construction nuisance.

Peta to contact Ann regarding progress on establishing a bank account

Post Office campaign. David to contact JKS.

We still need to co-opt some committee members/area reps. Carol Wanstall was welcomed to the committee.

Minutes of previous meeting agreed.

PC and City Council Report

Section 106 funding may be likely for funding sports facilities in Sturry/Broad Oak.

Conversation around the incorporation of the scouts and guides facilities. An informal approach was mooted.

Land adjacent to Broad Oak Village Hall. Peta and Roshna to consult contacts.

Councillors' surgeries. These were welcomed, and although at first have been more general in approach, it is expected they will become more specific in time. Sabora to help publicise them.

It was suggested that Peter Campbell be approached to be the link between the PC and Sabora.

Old allotments off Sturry High Street. The meeting enthusiastically approved the decision to support the possibility of turning these into a wildlife area. David to formally approach PC, Peta to contact Kent Wildlife for expert advice.

Campaigns:

A crossing/refuge for Popes Lane, and lowering of speed limit. David and Peta to carry forward.

Gladman consultation and sham 'surveys'. Sabora to keep watchful eye on planning applications.

Platform extensions at Sturry station. In light of successful bio-diversity petition to CCC it was proposed a similar one be started to extend the platforms. David to look into it.
New gate North of Sweech farm. Fred and Freda to make enquiries with planning/highways departments.

Community Events

Peta is keen to have a street party/gathering while the road is closed. The RA cannot provide insurance cover, so it will be an Ad Hoc impromptu event. Peta to provide details.

Table at Golden Lion Bat and Trap Day, August 5th. Lynn hopes to be able to attend and collect membership info/emails.

Table top sale/barn dance at Community centre.
Peta will look into availability of venue and musicians.

Community Art Exhibition.
Art in lockdown theme. Ian and David to take this forward re venues and calls for entries.

Any Other Business

Peta mentioned the use of catapults and ball bearings to kill rabbits by the railway line. This is a 999 issue.

Dog fouling improved in Popes Lane area, but more signs (and waste bins) needed.
A 20mph speed limit for Heath Close?

Invite Community Police officer to our next meeting.
Would JKS like to be represented at our meetings . David to ask.

Creation of a Garden Interest Group. We will advertise this on FaceBook to see if there is anyone who would like to take on the organisation of this.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 5th September. Golden Lion 6.30pm