

Henbury and Brentry Community Council

Minutes – 20th July 2006

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting approved

2. Matters Arising

All the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting are covered in the main agenda.

3. Reports

Councillors Report – Clr Derek Pickup

Wheels Park – There will be consultation with the community starting after the summer regarding the development of a Wheels Park in Henbury.

Proposed Sale of the Parade of Shops on Crow Lane

Bristol City Council has decided to sell the freehold of the parade of shops in Crow Lane. Legislation has been introduced by the Government that enables companies or individuals who own the leases on commercial property to purchase them from the freeholder. Bristol City Council has decided to sell the freehold on the parade of shops on Crow Lane because it anticipates that leaseholders will purchase the freehold of their premises which would lead to issues regarding the maintenance of communal areas. A discussion took place regarding the benefits of the parade of shops being owned by the City Council or the Private Sector. The meeting felt that there would be greater control of the maintenance and future development of the shops if ownership of the freehold remained with the City Council. A motion was unanimously supported by the meeting to ask the Council to reverse its decision to auction off the parade of shops.

Police Report – Lawrence Billie

A dispersal zone was agreed ten days ago which includes, Crow Lane, Station Road, Tormarton Crescent, Passage Road but does not include Hazel Brook or Henbury Inn which was a surprise. The order was difficult to get and took six months to be approved. The Community Police Support Officers will be starting in Henbury in the Autumn.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer sends his apologies. There is currently a balance of £13,896.31 plus £1,145.62 left in the youth shelter funds. A written report was circulated at the meeting.

4. Community Conference

The two new two days a week community works for Henbury, Heather Barham and Rhiannon O'Malley have been putting the community action plan into action. Letters have been sent out to those who expressed an interest in taking Community Council would look at the priorities for action, the officers being, Richard Pyle, Derek Pickup, Mr Brown, Mr Auden, Paul Thompson plus the Chair and Treasurer.

5. Community Events

A Community fun day has been planned for Friday 1st September. The event is to focus on trying to bring young people and the community together. It was agreed that a grant from the Community Council should be awarded to the costs of the fun day, the amount to be approved by the Chair.

Environmental Walk – A walk has been arranged for members of the community with officers from Bristol City Council to identify work that the City Council could assist with in Henbury.

8th and 10th August there will be an opportunity for people to help build planters and a mosaic.

6. Questions

A request was made that people should not park in the car parks of the Tower Blocks unless they have business or are residents there.

Claire Cook asked for the say thank you to the Community Council for all the support it had given her over an eight year period as a local councillor. Ted proposed that the Community Council sends a letter thanking her, this was agreed.

Public Toilets – No further information available.

John Milton Site – The planning application is online and you can put in comments if you so wish. Concern was expressed about the level of parking in the application.

Trees on Crow Lane need trimming.

Ted concluded the meeting by asking members to support Heather and Rhianon in their work.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th October @ 7.45pm.