

Darley Neighbourhood Board

Minutes of meeting held on 22 January 2008 at St Benedict's School.

	<p>Present: Councillor Repton - Chair Councillor Richards Caroline Morrison - resident Joan Travis - resident Richard Butler - resident Maureen Parker - resident Dorothy Webster – Markeaton St R.A. Peter Yates – Strutt’s Park R.A. Jude King – Strutt’s Park R.A. Insp. Richard Keene – Derbyshire Police Bev Hunter – Chester Green R.A.</p>	<p>Chris Wynn – FODOS Roy Hartle - resident Pete Matthews - Derby Homes Sarah Dosunmu – Neighbourhood Manager Joyce Fitchett – resident Gordon Jones – Darley Abbey Society Brian Perry – Derby Homes Community Panel Neville Wells – University of Derby Ben Whittaker – University of Derby S.U. - University of Derby S.U. James Shires – resident Julie Lee Stronach - Chester Green R.A. Julie Basford – Asset Management - DCC</p>
	Apologies – Val Beech, resident	Responsibility
1	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Repton welcomed all to the meeting. Members introduced themselves and apologies received.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Jude King made it known that she is an employee of the Council.</p> <p>Chris suggested that guidelines were required relating to Declarations of Interest.</p> <p>Agreed – Guidelines and an explanation of procedures on Declarations of Interest to be presented to the next meeting.</p>	S.D
3	<p>Minutes of the 26 November Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes were checked for accuracy and the following changes were made: Val Beech and Neville Wells were in attendance; Apologies were received from Joyce Fitchett; Page 3 – change to 'Markeaton Street' NOT 'Markeaton Park'; Richard queried the decision that representatives on the Board be selected at the next Forum meeting. It was his understanding that this was not agreed. Cllr Repton and Sarah confirmed that it was agreed.</p> <p>Matters Arising Item 4/07 – Richard requested a response to the question raised at the last meeting as to whether schemes prioritised under the 2007/8 Highways and Transport Work Programme are rolled forward if not completed this year. Sarah replied that they are NOT automatically rolled forward and would need to be reconsidered for possible inclusion in the following year’s work programme. Chris Wynn confirmed this. Item 9/07 – Richard highlighted the increasing number of 'To Let' signs</p>	

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	<p>on properties in the area. These are for properties due for rental in June/July. He asked if there are any rules limiting signage and the length of time they are posted on properties. Richard said the roads in question are Duffield Road, Redshaw Street, Longford Street and Cedar Street. Dorothy stated that signs are permanently erected on a number of properties in Markeaton Street.</p> <p>Agreed – Rules and regulations regarding ‘To Let’ signs to be clarified at next meeting.</p> <p>Item 6/07 – Chris informed the meeting that a petition will be presented by the Darley Abbey and Chester Green historical and community council to urge the council to undertake a study.</p> <p>Item 5/07 – Joyce highlighted the continuing problem of dustbins being left on the streets. Cllr Repton said this was a priority to be dealt with in the ward. In response, Sarah stated that Waste Management have been contacted and action will follow shortly. They are, however, constrained by the lack of resources to follow through on enforcement. Neville reported that he followed up on the actions and had investigated the three properties who were persistent offenders. Two out of the three properties are owned by landlords registered with the University, however, on further investigation the landlords admitted selling the properties on without informing the University. Neville has organised for the University security to go round to the properties and speak with the tenants.</p> <p>Agreed – To provide a report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>S.D</p> <p>S.D</p>
4	<p>Local Petitions</p> <p>Request for Visitor Parking Permits – Mansfield Road Sarah introduced the report produced by Pete Price, head of Transportation. Eight signatories of a petition had requested Visitor Permits for residents living on Mansfield Road where there was currently a 2 hour waiting restriction – No return within one hour – Mon-Sat 8am-6pm, except Resident Permit Holders. The signatories considered it unfair on their visitors to be restricted to a 2 hour limit when visiting. Two options were put forward within the report. Option one – No Further Action; Option 2 – Issuing 20 Visitor Permits per year to each household. This would require offering visitor permits to the other households in 15 residential streets in the area. For the area in question on Mansfield Road, 15 Resident Permits have been issued where only 17 spaces exist. It was considered that to offer visitor permits to these households could result in residents being unable to park in the area. The Board agreed that they had insufficient information to come to a decision as they do not have the views of the residents in surrounding areas who would also be affected by the issuing of Visitor Permits. Chris pointed out that the new developments on City Road/Mansfield Road could potentially have an impact on off-street parking in the area and the Board should postpone their decision until the impact of those developments can be assessed. Julie pointed out that there was already a problem in the Chester Green area with people parking all day whilst working in the city.</p>	

	<p>Request for a Resident Parking Scheme in Markeaton Street Sarah provided a verbal update and informed the meeting that this and some other streets in the area were high priority. The results of the University's parking survey in the streets around the Markeaton Campus were being considered together with the residents' petition for Markeaton Street. A response will be provided as soon as possible.</p> <p>Request for a Crossing on Kedleston Road Nr Whitecross Street Sarah presented the report by Peter Price, Head of Transportation; A petition signed by 117 people requested the provision of a crossing on Kedleston Road near Whitecross Street. The report outlined that an assessment had been undertaken, using criteria based on national guidance. Following this, it was recognised that there is a need for additional crossing improvements on Kedleston Road. The improvements will be considered for funding through the Highways and Transportation capital programme for 2008/9. This will be considered by cabinet on March 18 2008. Chris pointed out that under the proposed Five Lamps Scheme for Connecting Derby, now shelved, the existing crossing would have been relocated to the position requested by the petitioners. The Board agreed the report.</p> <p>Request for a Resident Parking Scheme – Fox Street Sarah notified the Board that a petition had been received from residents of Fox Street. Chris informed the meeting that he has met with residents and strongly supported their request.</p>	
5	<p>Property Issues in Darley Ward Julie Basford from Asset Management at Derby City Council introduced her presentation. She stated that council officers are considering the future of a number of council owned properties in the Ward and would like the Board's feedback and views. Vivian Street – Consultation has taken place regarding the future use of this land. Previously garages were in place; however, due to vandalism and under use, the site was cleared. Residents have indicated that they would like the site maintained for parking use. However, there are currently no funds for improvements to the area's surfacing or the erection of new garages. Asset Management needs to be assured that should any improvements be undertaken the area would be used by local residents for parking. Bev pointed out that the condition of the area discourages people from using it for parking and, were it to be improved; consultation with residents suggests that it would be used.</p> <p>City Road Garage Court – Unlike Vivian Street, garages that are in place are well-used with the potential to develop further garages. Again there is no funding for any improvements or upgrades to the garages or area. However, as it is currently well used and there is a long waiting list for garage space it is suggested that it would be well used. In terms of funding, this is not likely to come through the Council's capital fund as garaging is not economically viable. It was suggested that developments on neighbouring sites be looked at and Section 106 funding be sought to undertake the works in both locations.</p> <p>Agreed – Contact the City Planners to identify possibility of Section 106 funding for the works.</p>	

St Mary's Playground, Darley Lane – Previously part of the school site, the Council was asked to dispose of the site. However, covenants on the land and a village green application limits potential development. The area presents an opportunity for a resident garden or a community open space and has been empty for 2-3 years. Richard asked if we could look at Section 106 or external funding. Jude highlighted that there was a Strutt's Park residents meeting next week and asked if she could raise this at the meeting. Ben informed the meeting that this is the kind of project that the Student Union would be very keen to support. The Student Union has a large and active volunteering unit with some access to capital funds and would like to offer support where possible to the development of this project. Sarah asked if Derby Homes could provide some support to the project as there are a number of Derby Homes properties neighbouring onto the green. Cllr Richards highlighted problems with anti-social behaviour in the area and Julie confirmed that the business neighbouring the former playground has suffered from this. Insp Keene offered the support of the community beat officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team to the project.

Abbey Yard – This relates to the former stable blocks in Darley Park. Cllr Repton stated that he has highlighted this as one of the priority issues for Darley and has been approached by a local person who has an interest in the building. He stated that the building has deteriorated significantly and that officers need to move this issue forward. Julie outlined that a feasibility study is in the pipeline and that great urgency is required given the state of disrepair of the building. There has been an approach from Micro Brewery which could be pursued but should not be done in isolation. The remainder of the buildings need to be considered. However, capital raised from the Micro Brewery could be used to arrest the deterioration. Roy stated that he has been in correspondence with the Council regarding this matter since 2000 and the potential for a World Heritage Site. Previous funding bids to Living Landmarks and other external have not come to fruition. Action is required. Jude suggested a potential use could be overspill activity from Darley Barn. It was also noted that this was a full council issue and beyond the remit of the Parks Department and has wide implications.

Agreed – Provide an update on progress to date from the Derwent Valley and World Heritage working group and that this matter be a priority for Darley Board with a timescale for progress.

Darley Street land – This is a small piece of land surrounded by housing. It is locally known as Flat Square. There are issues with funding for grounds maintenance and there is a possibility of transferring the land to residents.

Agreed – To consult with residents regarding possible future maintenance/transfer.

Other Darley projects – In relation to Connecting Derby, Richard asked about 40, West Avenue and asked what would be done with the property now it is not being demolished. Julie stated that she could not respond to this issue. Gordon stated that the

	<p>Nutwood Nature Reserve was progressing well. A query was raised regarding the Village Green application. The applicants have requested some form of acknowledgement to their application.</p> <p>Agreed – Notes relating to the other Darley projects be circulated to members at a future Board meeting.</p>	
6	<p>Police and Community Safety update</p> <p>Insp Keene introduced himself to the meeting and presented the Darley Ward police report for Nov/Dec 2007. He stated that in Derbyshire 100 crimes per day are reported. These stats show that Darley Ward is a fairly safe place to live. It was noted that there are a large number of offences in the West End area and a request was made as to how these figures compare to the previous months and whether alcohol related incidents over the Christmas period had led to an increase during Nov/Dec.</p> <p>Agreed – Insp Keene to provide comparative data.</p> <p>Brian asked about detection rates. Insp Keene responded that Derby city has the highest detection rates across the county.</p> <p>Agreed – Detection statistics to be provided to the next meeting.</p> <p>Neville highlighted problems with parking around the Britannia Mills site. To prevent parking on junctions the university had place cones in the area. The University has agreed to pay for the installation of limited waiting single yellow lines between Markeaton and Watson Streets and no parking at any time double-yellow lines on both these junctions but these are yet to be painted. He stated that the University was told to remove these cones by the local police and has requested support from the police to prevent inconsiderate parking.</p> <p>Agreed – Highways and Transportation to be contacted regarding the installation of these parking restrictions.</p> <p>Maureen informed the meeting that by contacting the City Council's Parking Services, officers are speedily despatched to deal with illegal parking. Insp Keene confirmed that the police do not enforce parking. They would only deal with the matter where parking caused a dangerous obstruction on a public highway or footpath.</p>	<p>INSP. KEENE</p> <p>INSP. KEENE</p> <p>S.D</p>
7	<p>Outstanding Community Issues</p> <p>Community Issues See Matters Arising.</p> <p>Section 106 Funding Sarah introduced the table outlining current Section 106 funding for Darley Ward that included information on monies available, proposed schemes and officer recommendations. Cllr Repton stated that the Board could try to influence Section 106 funding by outlining our priorities for Darley and feeding this into the Planning department. Cllr Richards suggested that guidance should be provided to the Board on what Section 106 funding can be used for. Sarah asked Board members if they had any queries on any of the schemes and agreed to</p>	

	<p>provide feedback to a future meeting. The following queries were raised: Alternative modes of transport along Duffield Road – what is proposed? Capital funding for Cathedral Green – justification as it is not in the local area. Darley Park – Has a scheme been agreed as only 10 months remain to spend. Riverside Walk – Has a scheme been agreed as only 10 months remain to spend. Agreed – Guidance on Section 106 funding to be presented to the next meeting.</p>	S.D
8	<p>Neighbourhood Profile and Plan</p> <p>Sarah introduced the Neighbourhood Profile. All Board members were asked to review the profile as profiles will be used to help inform on priorities for the Ward. A revised profile will be produced in June/July of this year and Board members are asked to highlight any additional information they feel is important in the profile. Members suggested the following additions: Vehicle car ownership details; travel to work patterns.</p> <p>Agreed – Board members to review the profile and forward any comments or additional requirements to Sarah. Agreed – Board to discuss a revised profile at a future Board meeting.</p>	ALL BOARD MEMBERS
9	<p>Community Budget</p> <p>Sarah introduced the Community Budget application form. She stated that the Board has £2,471 this year to allocate. The attached application form has been agreed for use across the city. The Board is now required to agree their priorities for funding. Suggested areas are support for local community activity, improving communications across Darley, improvements to the local community. The Board discussed previous ideas put forward for funding which were the provision of notice boards, additional lighting columns and general communication and publicity. Clarification was requested as to whether the Board will be allocated further funding next year and whether this year's funding needs to be spent this year. Sarah advised that it would be wise to spend this year's allocation and would clarify at a later date whether Boards would receive any funding next year. The Board agreed to the priorities for funding as being: supporting local community and voluntary groups, supporting local provision and improving communication. Agreed - Proposals for notice boards to be presented to the next meeting and the community budget to be publicised at the next Forum meeting.</p>	S.D
10	<p>Council Budget Priorities</p> <p>The Council budget summary had been previously circulated to Board members. Members were encouraged to provide feedback and comments using the form at the back of the consultation document by Feb 6. Richard noted that under S29 the Council's proposal to</p>	

	rationalise the provision of public conveniences across the city. He considered this to be a disgrace. Roy reiterated this point.	
11	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Liversage Street - Maureen highlighted the problems residents had with HGVs damaging cars and footpaths on Alice Street and Keys Street. There have been a number of incidents over a long period. Insp Keene encouraged residents to get details of vehicles and report them to the police. Chris suggested that a possible but radical solution to alleviate problems would be an alternative access from Fox Street. He felt that this should be considered.</p> <p>Agreed – to contact Highways and Transportation to request that they look at the feasibility and cost of access from Fox Street near Landau Forte. Consult with the Liversage Trust regarding this matter.</p> <p>Milford Street – large potholes in the road, Cllr Repton stated that he had previously reported this. Agreed – to contact Highways and Transportation regarding this matter.</p> <p>Arthur Street/Otter Street – Strutt's Park Residents Association asked if these streets could be considered for one-way status. Cllr Repton said that investigations had taken place five years ago and as recently as 18 months ago. Agreed – To investigate and provide feedback.</p>	<p>S.D</p> <p>S.D</p> <p>S.D.</p>
	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>11 March, 7pm, St Paul's Church, Chester Green. Please note that there are parking restrictions in the area and Board members are encouraged, where possible, to walk, cycle or use public transport.</p>	