

BRADWAY ACTION GROUP Minutes

Committee Meeting: Tuesday 5th March 2013, 7.15 pm. at the Old Mother Redcap.

Present: Stephen George (Chair), Mike Bloy, John Child, John Kirkman, Chris Morgan, Philip Righton, Peter Smithson, Andrew Tabor, Rob Wilks.

1. Apologies: Frank Richardson, Lynn Smith, Fiona Vallely

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 8th January 2013: agreed as a correct record.

3. Reports

a. Chair

i) Bus Shelter on Bradway Road: The shelter was erected in January.

ii) Whit Walk: Tony Smith has agreed to lead the annual walk round Bradway again, on Whit Sunday, 19 May. Peter Stubbs has agreed to act as understudy to Tony. Unfortunately technical problems prevented the entry being placed in the Sheffield Environment Weeks booklet, but it will be advertised nearer the time.

iii) Electronic Communications: No further progress has been made on this, although it remains an issue for the Chair and Secretary to pursue.

iv) Memorial Tree for David Astle: Enquiries about the Memorial Tree scheme run by the Council revealed that the Old School Field is not one of the sites that are designated. Given the close association of the David and Dorothy Astle with the Old School Field, it was decided to purchase a tree through the Council. Planting will not take place until the autumn. Dorothy Astle has been informed of the position.

v) Footpath in Poynton Woods: The Chair has received enquiries about the footpath in Poynton Woods, which was damaged by the contractors working on the railway embankment. It was understood that they would make good the surface after the work was finished, but this has not been done and the contractors appeared to have left the site. An enquiry was made on 4 February with Tony Andrews, the SCC Footpaths Officer, who said he would look into it. A response from him is still awaited. A reminder has been sent.

vi) Dog Bins: An inspection of the dog litter bins following the last meeting showed that they had been recently emptied, and as this continues to be the case no complaint has been registered.

vii) Streets Ahead: Work will begin soon on Bradway Road / Greenhill Parkway, on Twentywell Lane, and on Abbeydale Road South. A map of when works will take place under the scheme can be found on the SCC web site by following the links to Roads and Transport and the Streets Ahead. Some disruption can be expected during the period of the works.

b. Secretary

i) No further progress has been made over the Old School Field Village Green application. The next step is to involve our solicitor again.

ii) Traffic Issues: HGV use of Bradway Road, Twentywell Road and Queen Victoria Road remains a problem. Work on the new high tension cable through Bradway down to Topley is approaching its end. The loss of the 25 bus service on the Wollaton/Longford route caused some inconvenience over the first few days of March.

iii) Ward Forum and Community Assembly: The South West Community Assembly met in Crookes on 24 January when the interim HGV report was considered. The Ward Forum Traffic Group met with SWCA officers and Councillors on 28 January when issues relating to HGVs, parking and the Streets Ahead programme were discussed.

c. Treasurer

The current balance stands at £1631 following payment of the BAG contribution of £10,000 to the playground improvements. Membership money continues to trickle in. Thanks are due to the Bradway Scouts for agreeing to share donation from HSBC that resulted from their scheme to involve employees with local charities.

d. Membership Secretary

Membership currently stands at 85 households and 25 individuals. Renewals continue to come in slowly: some 26 members have yet to renew. Reminders will be provided along with notice of the Open Meeting. The Open Meeting may attract some new members and a membership drive should be undertaken for 2014.

e. Community Hall

John Child reported that building regulations consent has been given for the refurbishment of the Mission Hall conditional on certification of the emergency lighting and fire alarm systems. Inspection has revealed that the older electrical installations will need replacement.

4. Old School Field: Work has already started on the playground improvement and expansion. It is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of the month, weather allowing. It was agreed that a stronger latch should be provided for the gate than that provided when the gate was last repaired. Graffiti on the end of the bike shed would either be cleaned by the Treasurer or if he couldn't shift it reported to the Council for removal.

5. Plans for the Bradway Pub: There was lengthy discussion of the information received about plans by Sainsbury plc to demolish the existing building and replace it with a Sainsbury's Local store. A number of people have approached the Chair asking what steps BAG would be taking to oppose the proposal and if a petition is being organised. Such a development will certainly have an impact on local businesses, negative for some but possibly positive for others. Before the Committee takes action it needs to ascertain the views of the wider membership and other Bradway residents, which it would try to do at the Open Meeting on 26 March. Ownership of the land should be discovered, have Sainsbury's bought this or will it be leased, and what of the adjacent Coral betting shop? These are issues that would be explored. It would be suggested to those local businesses likely to suffer a loss of trade that they might wish to organise petitions for their customers to sign as BAG will have to wait until after 26 March before it can adopt a formal position.

6 Open Meeting. It was agreed that the Open Meeting on 26 March should have as its main agenda item the future of the Bradway public house and the proposed Sainsbury's development. It was agreed that, given the local interest this has already generated, the meeting should be widely publicised so as to provide an opportunity for all views to be presented so that BAG might adopt a position based on the widest possible evidence in representing the views of Bradway residents. The Chair to offer an invitation to Sainsbury's to address the meeting so as to put their case. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to explain the work that is being undertaken to identify elderly and isolated people, and the reasons behind the work being undertaken to fell some local roadside trees.

7. Fun Day: A date needed to be set so that steps can be taken to book appropriate players. It was agreed that the favoured date would be Friday 23 August with 16th or 9th August as alternates. Checks were needed to ascertain the availability of the Scouts, Big AI, and to avoid were possible clashes with any other local events e.g. Lowedges Festival. Rob Wilks agreed to organise the raffle and the Chair to co-ordinate volunteers. Ideas for events or activities to be provided to Fiona Vallely. We can but hope for better weather than the deluge of 2012.

8. Old Age and Isolation in the Community: Rob Wilks provided an update on the work being undertaken by a range of bodies to develop a directory of help available to isolated and elderly people within the community.

9. Bradway Bugle: Some new deliverers had been recruited. It was agreed that some checks ought to be carried out to ensure that every household is actually receiving a copy.

10. Any Other Business: There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.08p.m.

Future meetings: Committee: 7 May; 18 June; 17 September. Open Meetings: 26 March; 2 July.
AGM: 15 Oct