

Picket Piece Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting - Wednesday 12th February 2020

Attendees :

- 40 local residents
- Andrea Harris (Community Development Worker Picket Piece)
- Mandie Taylor (Community Engagement Officer Downlands)
- Councillor Chris Donnelly (Borough Councillor Downlands ward)
- Councillor Nick Lodge (Borough Councillor Downlands ward)

Agenda :

1. Introduction by Andrea Harris
2. Reasons for proposing the formation of a Residents' Association
3. What do residents want from your Residents' Association?
4. Suggestion of informal committee and available roles
5. Suggestion for Interim Chairperson
6. Ask for volunteers for other roles
7. Update from Borough Councillors
8. AOB

Discussion :

1. Andrea Harris, in her role of Community Development Officer, has received an increasing amount of feedback, in her drop in sessions, regarding there being no Picket Piece Parish council. There is no designated point of contact for issues in the village, a Residents' Association could fulfil this need.
2. A feedback exercise asked residents what they want from a Residents' Association, common themes that came up were :-
 - a. Helping people to meet/network
 - b. Helping people
 - c. New group suggestions
 - d. Litter picking
 - e. Film nights
 - f. Getting to know neighbours/wide community
3. There were no objections to the creation of a Residents' Association.
4. Andrea recommended the creation of an informal, interim committee to get things set up. Andrea also recommended that Chris Parker become Interim Chairperson, following previous discussions at her drop-in sessions, there were no objections to this. Volunteers for the other interim committee roles were asked to email PicketPieceRA@Gmail.com, or to speak to Andrea or Chris after the meeting.
5. The Residents' Association intends to run alongside Picket Piece Sports & Social club, however the Residents' Association will support any groups, which Picket Piece Sports & Social club are not able to support.
6. A sub-committee should be created for the issue of the 'Planning Application on the Youth Football pitch', as there was much discussion on this subject. A separate committee, with separate meetings, would be the most efficient way to co-ordinate a village wide response.
7. Concerns were raised about the quality of footpaths & street lighting, as well as speeding in the village.

Action Items :

1. Discussion with volunteers interested in joining the committee. (Chris)
2. Arrange meeting to set up interim committee. (Chris)
3. Create sub-committee for Youth Pitch Planning Application. (TBC)

Date of next General Meeting : Thursday 16th July 19:00 - 21:00 (proposed)