

Picket Piece Residents Association

Minutes of meeting online – 6th May 2021

Attending: Chris Parker (CP) Pippa Hulme (PH) Tom Stevenson (TS) Keith Rackham (KR) John Aslett (JA)

Apologies: Judy Marr.

1. Welcome
2. **Community Garden** – Recently there was an article in the Andover Advertiser about a charity called “Rooting for Andover” Micheal Parker, an admin on the Andover Community Garden and Allotments facebook group runs it. Could help point in the right direction for funding/assistance when it comes to building/preparing the garden. Looking for a volunteer to spearhead the community garden for Picket Piece.
Neighbourhood Watch – CP to email mailing list to update them, still awaiting response from recent email to Steve Hysted
Speed Watch/Road Safety – JA, CP and Cllr Chris Donnally will be getting together for a meeting soon re the creation of a Roads Policy for Downlands. JA to create email to send out to residents on the mailing list to look for input re roads. JA suggested that the groups main focus be on Walworth Road, Ox Drove & Locksbridge Road. CP said that side roads on developments are adopted by ‘Management companies’ so we could divert those queries to the ‘Management Company’ group.
Baby and Toddler Group – CP and PH attended a zoom meeting recently. Hoping to get restarted Wednesday 9th June providing everything in place (covid secure) CP has applied for a grant from Andover Town Council to assist with costs towards hall hire, insurance and cleaning products.
Litter Picking – Shelley Read and CP have been in contact, and arranged several months worth of litter picking dates, plan for every 2 weeks around different area's of the village. Plan to send out email to mailing list, and promoting via Facebook page, and the 2 Facebook groups. To be covid secure and to ensure enough equipment, will need volunteer names in advance.
3. **Resident's questions**
This new section to our meeting is to ensure questions asked by the residents to the association are minuted, actioned and documented.
GM – asked re community gardens and the proposed summer event. CP is meeting him at the garden site tomorrow (7th May) to discuss what the potential is for the area. Social club Committee have not as yet formally had a meeting, but we will be in touch with them ASAP We will hopefully have more information on this at our next meeting.
SC – asked re traffic calming measures on the Locksbridge/Walworth mini roundabout, and also about the speed indicator signs. KR has raised the calming measure enquiry with Hampshire County Council (HCC) on their website and is awaiting an update. He has also complained about the state of the road due to issues with leveling, HCC blame the utility companies. KR has also been following the speed indicators, although it wasn't mentioned at the most recent Andover Town Council (ATC) meeting. JA also mentioned about 3yrs ago that Monxton were selling their speed indicator kit, but there were questions re how to power, and recharge, manning issues, siting issues ect. Recently Tangley had theirs for sale, but at this time we don't have funding, so were unable to follow up on this.
KW – asked re speed limit and reminding villagers and also about any potential resurfacing and returning of the white lines through the village. With the upcoming newsletter (delayed

owing to covid and recent elections) will place a reminder in there as it will be village-wide distribution. PPRA were also gifted some speed awareness bin stickers, CP to look into quotes for potentially attaching them to metal signs to make them a bit more permanent visibility than every other week.. CP was wanting to save this discussion for one with the newly formed 'Road Safety' group.

4. AOB

CP has produced a village questionnaire to gauge interest in other potential groups in the village, PH to send to the mailing list once it has been finalised.

GDPR is important, currently the secretary (PH) holds the emails for villagers. PH is in charge of sending out emails, and details will not be given to anyone else or sold to any third party. People are asked if they wish to join the mailing list, and can request to be removed at any time. BCC is also used on emails.

With recent funding frustrations, the committee feel exploring an idea about creating a parish, and a Parish Council for Picket Piece is good idea. CP has recently attended Parish Council meetings in other parishes, he feels they run pretty much the same as ours, but are just more formal. He said the Parish Clerks are a great benefit to getting things done and accessing funding for the local community, CP feels that we could benefit massively from having our own Parish Clerk. Local councillors attend meetings, and the feeling is that Parish Councils are able to have a greater impact to their community, than a Residents' Association does. A vote took place and all committee members voted in favour of looking into this further, they agreed to test resident's opinions of this in the coming weeks. If there is resident support for this, we shall continue to pursue this, if the residents are not in favour of this, it shall be pursued no further.