

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT  
THE HENBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

- 1. Attending:** Mike Murch, John and Liam Butler, Rose Carr, Bev Murray, Alan Aburrow, Christine Portch, Julia Gilvear, Pat and Ray Thomas, Janet Smith, Gloria Walsh-Gill, Susan Palmer, Ron Owen, Ian Smith, Helen Windsor, Alan Piper, David Mullaney and Lewis Conde.
- 2. Apologies** were received from: Anthea Mustard, Deana Perry, Lucy Epsom, Vicky Welchman, Katie Shadbolt, Sam Masson, Tony Whitelaw, Mark Weston and Helen Godwin.
- 3. Minutes of the August meeting:** were signed with amendments by Alan Piper.
- 4. Henbury and Brentry Community** Mike read the following received from Mark: **Litter Picks**

We had a really good litter pick last week around the Blaise area. We have another tomorrow starting at 9am from the Centre. Finishing at 10.30 before grabbing a cuppa at the coffee morning there. Anyone is welcome to come along.

#### **Air Pollution**

There were several complaints in recent weeks with a strange smell in Henbury. This was due to a WNW wind passing over the Sewerage Treatment Works. The wind doesn't usually move in this direction. There was nothing toxic in the air but it did not smell too good. The Council have raised the issue directly with Wessex Water and will continue to monitor the problem.

#### **RedRow Homes Consultation on Charlton Common**

Like many residents I attended the earlier consultation at the BAWA hosted by RedRow Homes on their future proposals for the Charlton Common. Just to be clear this was not to do with the 80 home development they already have permission for to the left of Charlton Common Lane (that was given approval a couple of years ago) but rather how they will maintain the common.

Essentially it will become maintained meadowland with the mature trees protected and pathways mowed through it, and with wildlife enhancements like bat boxes provided. I actually think it will look pretty good. My concerns today stemmed from two issues:

1. Is car access from the Airfield Development still denied via this development as I don't want Charlton Road to become a major rat run for thousands of cars. I am happy to say that the current proposals to prevent this with a bus-gate are continuing.

2. To ensure that any future management of the Common included measures to prevent unauthorised gypsy or traveller encampments. Usually via either boulders, mounds or ditches - I would prefer mounds myself and know from Blaise how effective they can be.

The planners hadn't really considered point two but this was raised by numerous residents and I. they have now promised to work this into the final works.

### **Brentry School New Building**

Brentry School has just completed a year long refurbishment of the former building. This was paid for by Government grant and the building looks great! They had been operating in temporary accommodation for last year - I have to say their temporary accommodation was a damn site better than back where 'I were a lad'. IT EVEN HAD HEATING!!!

### **No2/76 Bus**

From 15th September the bus routes will change in Henbury & Brentry. The no.2 will now go via station road passed the renamed Blaise High School. The no.76 by contrast will now turn back at Crow Lane rather than Tormarton Crescent.

I have written to First Bus regarding this as I am not entirely happy here. I understand the reasons for changing the no.2 route (congestion on the A4018) but to cut the 76 short takes away a means for many residents to access Southmead Hospital as the Two doesn't travel past it.

I will let you know how that goes.

### **Changes to the Avonmouth Recycling Centre**

The waste centre in North Bristol is due a much needed facelift. The site will be upgraded to make waste disposal more efficient with greater emphasis on re-purposing and reusing unwanted waste items (such as electricals or furniture).

There will be a change to opening hours from 2nd September when the site will close Monday-Thursday every week BUT with longer opening hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

5. **Team Southmead:** Mike read the following received from Deana:- After all the meetings/work with the sheltered accommodations in Southmead I am pleased to report that Arncliffe now have their bins outside of the building. The Council have built a new storage area at the front, this is instead of having the bin store inside the building in 2 very small rooms. Some achievement as the tenants have only been asking for the last 10 years !!! Having a meeting a few months ago and showing The Council what it actually smelt like was a game changer. Very pleased to report that Arncliffe now has a 9-5 warden Monday to Friday. Millpool Court and Port Elizabeth are having new laundries fitted at the moment which are long overdue. Again showing Council Officers the state of these rooms prompted action. Finally TS may have their next meeting at Southmead Hospital (plus short tour) after Helen Godwin met one of the managers from the hospital at the opening of the new Southmead Police station. Date next meeting 24/09/19
6. **Charlton Common Update:** Lewis Conde (from Litchfield's) introduced himself and Explained that they were planning consultants working on behalf of Redrow, he outlined The proposals for creating a wildflower meadow with mown paths as part of the Common

Would be needed to widen the existing road to allow access to and from the Redrow Development on which plans had already been approved for 80 homes. The maintenance of the Common would be by means of a maintenance charge on these homes to allow for a Management Company to be appointed. Redrow plan to “gift” replacement land to be included in the revised Common. There was considerable concern expressed at the meeting about the possible incursion of Travellers, as had happened in the past, it was suggested that Physical barriers be installed, Lewis explained that there were planning regulations that made Such things difficult, but promised to work with Redrow and South Glouc Council and report back. One idea that was floated would be to plant trees along the edge as a deterrent.

7. **Arnside Regen:** Mike read the following received from Lucy Epsom BCC :- We met with the Inclusion Group and Team Southmead, and the proposals have been updated with the following items:
- o Disabled parking. Provide additional parking bay near the shops
  - o Parking restrictions outside shops. 3 hours 8am-6pm only so residents can park in evenings
  - o Cycle parking. Needed around shops and Charlton Road
  - o Disabled parking bays. Suggest a low or no kerb at back so accessible all along
  - o Road surface/concrete. Discussed treatment with Highways (ongoing), it is not intended to dig up the roads unless absolutely necessary due to disruption/noise/cost it would cause.
  - o McColls access. Suggestion McColls appoint access consultation. There has been no confirmation by McColls of any internal store access improvements (doors/internal) but we are assuming that our external works will make the lower access accessible. McColls to have discussions with regional managers.
  - o Cycle route. 3m wide, agreed ‘zebra’ markings and contrasting colour
  - o Tactiles None on junction south of Arnside (Aldi entrance), same in new scheme as it’s safer to cross on north and east sides
  - o Greystoke crossing to Doncaster Rd Park push button toucan preferred, need to discuss with Highways
  - o Reading Project proposed link to reading project/schools/ Meadows to Meaders and development of text based public art works in Arnside, we shared image ideas from other projects such as the Cunard Liverpool scheme.

We have had discussions with City Council Transport and the following surveys and tests have been carried out:

- o Surveys Utilimap surveys completed. Concrete road core tests currently underway.
- o We met with Highways. Happy in principle with most of the scheme but more detailed design development is needed.
- o Highways Management - ongoing discussions especially on how to treat the concrete roads. Awaiting surveys
- o Cycling – Greystoke Ave/Arnside Rd/Trowbridge Rd junction design options being considered. How best to get cyclists across the road.
- o Walking – controlled options for the pedestrian crossing point to Doncaster Road Park are being considered
- o Street Lighting – design being developed. We will then talk to the CCTV teams about the camera positions.
- o Trees - Discussion held with Arboriculture team on choice of species

- o Suds - Undertaking more detail design proposals. Suds areas being surveyed (Embleton Rd, Wigton Cres, Lowther Rd, Lanercost Rd, Dunmail (south) and Greystoke Ave/Greenstrip). BCC will then have consultation with local residents/businesses/church etc to discuss the proposals for the pods (like Embleton Road).

Our next steps are agree the final TRO parking and loading proposals for Arnside, Ullswater Road and Greystoke Ave near the shops. We can then start the formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process. This is the legal process by the Local Authority to change the current parking arrangements.

We will also be making a planning application for the new parking bays along Greystoke Avenue.

The updated FAQ and Arnside Proposals are on the Southmead Development Trust Regeneration website and Facebook pages; on display in the Scart Shop and in the Library and in The Mead.

**8. Dunmail Update:** No further information received.

**9. Financial:** Helen explained that she had been in touch with the Lanercost Centre, and rooms were free to Charities and the City Council, or for £30 per hour, Mike said that as rooms at both venues were free and we have no access to future funds it didn't seem to make sense to start paying. Helen said the balance was £603.17 in response to a question.

**10. Planning Applications:** The latest monthly lists for both Wards had been circulated.

**11. Any other Business:** Janet raised a question about brambles "invading" the bridge footpath which she had cut back and also reported that the upgrades to Bus stops at Tormarton had not been completed.

Alan thanks everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.55pm.