

Whinfield Residents Association

Minutes from meeting 18th June 2014 at Oban Court

- Welcome and Apologies
- Apologies: Councillors Nutt, Hutchinson and Lyonette
- Attendees : M Leng, M Haw, K Frid, A Macnab, A Hutchinson, J Foster, Councillor Scott, Councillor Wallis, M & G Williams, J Upton, A Rudkin, R Adams.
- Councillor Nick Wallis was invited to chair the meeting after the resignation of Eileen Shepherd, thanking her for her stewardship throughout the years, wishing her well in whatever she decided to do.
- Anne Rudkin volunteered to take over the role as Chairman, and would continue her duties as Secretary until AGM for the election of new Officers
- Springfield Park, owing to a recent incursion by Travellers, who broke into the local playing field, questions were asked as to why Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 Section 61 & 62 weren't implemented, it was explained by N Wallis that an order by the Council had been implemented thus rendering the above sections invalid, Procedures and Security measures will be put into place hopefully to stop other incursions.
- Boundaries how will it affect us, the councillors boundaries will be changed thus making our Councillors Nutt and Hutchinson.
- Councillors Surgeries, A suggestion was made to the Councillors would it be possible for Officers of WRA to attend the Councillors Surgeries at Asda^Councillors present thought this was a good idea and agreed A Rudkin is hoping to attend next surgery.
- Yellow lines and Box Junction A Rudkin is enquire about the yellow lines at Sparrow Hall Drive will update at next meeting
- Muscar House Farm Nick Wallis informed us that a proposal for 90 houses is to be built, and that infrastructures would be put in place to alleviate traffic congestion if any issues are forthcoming a letter could be written to the Council planning department before 4 July 2014. Anne Rudkin Secretary felt this was too much work

for one person to take on and asked for volunteer, J Foster kindly offered. Nick Wallis also informed us that Muscar House Farm is being consulted on at the moment, He said "The council needs to prioritise Brownfield sites (Alexander Street), series of sites behind White Horse and left of Burtree Lane, Red Hall, Hartington Way. The consultation is looking at road infrastructure and Doctors surgery need looking at". He said he campaigned for Elm Tree Farm to keep that site clear and protected as it is open land. A resident commented the same reason for protecting Elm Tree Farm should apply to Muscar House Farm and Nick agreed . Alan Hutchinson said he was involved for the Ramblers and he got a stile put at Muscar House Farm because Barmpton Lane is dangerous, not safe.

- Nick Wallis mentioned that overall Darlington has to build a total of 6,000 houses in the next few years or Darlington Authority will be heavily fined.

- Any Other Business

A Rudkin asked if funding could be sought to enable WRA to update the local play area equipment in Springfield Park K Frid was going to source information and update at next meeting.

A proposal was put forward asking if "Friends of Beech Wood" could be reinstated to the heading of "Whinfield Residents Association" this was agreed.

Date of next meeting

17th September 2014 at Oban Court notification will be sent out to confirm