

# **Prestonville Community Association Committee Meeting Minutes**

## **14 June 2012 – The Vicarage, Old Shoreham Road**

**Present:** Richard Denyer-Bewick, Martin Poole, Martin Moore, Jannet King, Marek Kohn, Alison Whiteoak, Dinah Tracey, Peter Golton . **Visitors:** Cllr Mike Jones.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

None

### **2. Minutes – approved**

### **3. Matters arising**

#### **Wistons Clinic protest**

Abort 67 are still there once a week or so, and had been seen stopping someone outside. MK had established that the Chatsworth Road Association was no longer running. RD-B had contacted Linda Beanlands who had encouraged people to let her know of any incidents. Mike Jones will be meeting with her soon and raise our ongoing concerns. RD-B said that he would contact Wistons Clinic and ask if we could give any help.

BHASVIC Students Union was planning to write to Abort 67 and say that they think their action is inappropriate.

**John Lovatt's Bench** – Has been delivered and has a plaque. Total bill is £569. It was agreed that MM will send a cheque to Rosemary for £169 from the PCA.

**Liability Insurance** – PG to look up the Zurich policy he had been sent.

**Drafting procedure for running meetings** – RD-B will do.

**Trello** – RD-B will re-send invite to JK.

### **4. Church Hall / THGI & Finances**

- Has now been registered as The Hall Get Involved Ltd.
- Now need to get approval from HMRC.
- Progressed on the work to get share issue underway, but this will now be delayed until after the holiday period – September.
- Have had quotation for roof of £65,000.
- Had a meeting with Oliver Heath of Heath Design who was helpful about which of the eco-plans was possible. Looking into different heating systems, drainage, etc.
- Lots of new people coming on board.

**Bank account** – MM is in process of setting up bank account. The meeting approved PCA to continue to put THGI money through the PCA accounts.

There was a discussion about the fact that THGI would like to remain affiliated to the PCA until THGI owns the hall, in order to give their applications for grants more credibility, including accounts going back for three years. This would include an application for a £50,000 Lottery Fund grant, and a heating fund from Siemens Finance.

RD-B said he was happy for THGI to say that, as a group, it had been supported by the PCA, but questioned whether:

- leaving the money in the account was in itself sufficient to prove affiliation
- it was possible for a limited company to be part of the PCA, a charitable organisation
- **MM** to phone Charities Commission to establish the position.

RD-B had looked at a questionnaire that THGI were developing. He felt it was very good, but was limited to those who supported the Hall, rather than looking at the needs of the community as a whole.

PCA Needs Survey – MM to provide JK with a copy.

MP said that Church had also done a survey, about four years previously. 2,500 copies had been sent out and 109 responses received.

## **6. Friends of Dyke Road Park**

**Community Vegetable Garden** and composting scheme launch had taken place. .

**Litter:** JK and Park Ranger Lindsay Cattanach had attended School Student Council Meeting at Cardinal Newman, out of which had come some positive initiatives, to be put into practice in the autumn term.

**Film Club** – About 15 had attended the two showings.

**Friends of Dyke Road Park website** had been created: [dykeroadpark.wordpress.com](http://dykeroadpark.wordpress.com)

**Table Top Sale** on 5 May had made £17.12, which JK handed over to MM, keeping the £20 float previously granted, for use at next event.

## **7. Committee Activities/Events for 2012**

Twitter: PG suggested putting #prestonville against any events so that people using Twitter could look them up easily.

PG suggested that THGI Facebook page and FoDRP page/group should cross-fertilise.

## **8. Prestonville Friend – deadline 22 June**

To include:

- usual contact details and event notification
- article re Community Garden
- #prestonville
- PCA date of next committee meeting
- Possible article by MK on restriction to BHASVIC field.

## **8. BHASVIC – feedback from meeting with Principal**

MP and PG had attended regular ‘meet the neighbours’ meeting with Chris Thomson, who had expressed his concern about the state of the BHASVIC Field and the fact that the college might be deemed liable for any injury from broken glass and barbeques, for instance. BHASVIC has L-shaped area of it. Cardinal Newman has responsibility for the field but doesn’t own it. CT was concerned that Cardinal Newman’s solution would be to fence off the whole field from the public.

This would mean that the groups who use the field, booked through BHASVIC, would be unable to continue to do so, e.g. Preston Panthers, who have five teams. Also adults groups. Also informal users for ball games, kite flying, running.

RD-B suggested that we ask Chris Thomson for a statement of what is being discussed, so that the community was informed.

PG had contacted Rob Jarrett, governor at Cardinal Newman, who was sympathetic.

It was suggested that the school/college look at other parts of the city and see how other organisations manage their 'public' spaces.

MK pointed out that the field formed an important formal and semi-formal fitness resource. A form of wording is to be found to express our concerns, something along the lines of:

The PCA is disturbed to hear that public access for formal and informal sporting activities will be curtailed. It would be a potential loss to the community, which appreciates having such a facility within walking distance. Teams sports are an important formative experience for young players, and help create networks of community, which would be unravelled if this amenity were no longer to be available.

**Mike Jones** to check with RJ the outcome of the meeting.

If it looks as though restricting public access is a serious intention, PG will ask Chris Thomson to write a piece for the Prestonville friend, and MK will submit an article for the Prestonville Post pages. JK to inform Sarah Jones of possible need for a further half page.

#### **9. Big Freeze volunteers**

MP keen to get up to speed ready for the winter. Been to see Impetus, who run befriending schemes throughout the City. MP discussed doing our scheme in association with them, using a system that was proven and tested.

Insurance – **MP** will look at documentation given him by Impetus to see if we need to take out separate insurance.

#### **10. Lighting under New England Road bridge**

Ty Goddard has been in email contact with Council, urging them to pressure Network Rail into taking action to prevent pigeons from roosting. It was hoped that Network Rail would respond. It was suggested that spikes would do the job. **Mike Jones** was to check up on the situation.

Kath Lang has written to the Council pointing out that access to London Road by Prestonville area needs improving. We have no safe crossing points, and have to run the gauntlet of pigeon droppings under the bridge.

The lighting is also very poor under the bridge. MP is enthusiastic about involving a light artist friend. MK pointed out that there was some attractive lighting, but most no longer worked.

#### **11. Seven Dials public consultation workshop Tues 26 June 2012**

The meeting duly noted the event.

#### **12. Planning matters**

BHASVIC has put two big single-storey portakabins to serve as science labs.

Cycle lane on Old Shoreham Road. MP asks whether they are intending to put a central line down the middle of the road. Very confusing at the junction as one enters the road from the east, and is faced with traffic coming towards one in two lanes. **RD-B** to email Austin Hunter on the Council.

### **13. PCA Finances**

Total balance: £4,060, of which £2,450 belongs to THGI. PCA has about £1,500.

£15.00 raised at Community Garden launch, handed to MM.

£17.21 raised at Table Top Sale by FoDRP, handed to MM. JK retained £20 float.

### **14. A.O.B.**

**Oral History Project undertaken in 2000** – Peter Golton has about 15 CDs, which he will back up. Copies might be made available to Gill Hasson for use in the *Prestonville Friend*.

**Website** – to be discussed at next meeting.

**Date of next meeting: 26 July**