

Jaywick Community Forum



A.G.M.

MEETING - GOLF GREEN HALL
30th NOVEMBER 2011 11.30 am

ATTENDEES:

John Wolton, Dan Casey, Gill Elkins, Sylvia Hobbs, Ray Hanson, Brenda Oliver, Margaret O'Dell, members of the public,

APOLOGIES:

Guinness Trust, Suzy Shimell, Karl Randal (Tendring District Council), Hilary Rowlands (Essex County Council), Sam Jess (Tendring District Council), Chris Griffiths (Councillor Essex County Council).

MINUTES OF LAST A.G.M.:

Agreed and signed

MATTERS ARISING:

Community Warden - at present in post till 31/03 but discussions are taking place. Letter of support regarding wardens to be done for DC/NB

UP DATE FROM CHAIR:

We have had a year of many changes.

TDC's Chief Executive Officer arrived, Mr Ian Davidson, who we have met and I have found to be a very straightforward and honest person, and willing to discuss our problems and represent Jaywick.

We then had our local elections and Dan Casey and Nick Brown were selected by the community to represent Jaywick (Golf Green Ward). This they have done in a positive way and with the help of the Forum have pursued many issues on our behalf. Namely the interim policy which was rejected and taken back to be scrutinised.

TDC had major changes to their staff and positions which further had a stalling effect on some of the current problems. With the Planning Department being reported as all being replaced.

The Task Force being mooted as the way forward to deal with Jaywick and Tendring deprived areas. Dan and Nick and the Forum requested a position on this panel which was refused and because of our concerns the Task Force was abandoned overnight.

We were then, through our involvement with Coastnet, invited to take part in the N.V.C.C. and again we arrived only a few meetings before the funding of the group through DEFRA ran out and they are now renegotiating the way forward, and finance for 2012.

The involvement with N.V.C.C. and Coastnet led us on to meetings with the all-party Parliamentary Group A.P.P.G whose meetings are held in Westminster, and with the benefit of location, discussing through and with Coastnet's Strategic Director, Alex Midlen, ably supported by our representative, Pippa, have been able to get our specific area into the front of concerns regarding our community's plight. I also believe that Jaywick is being dealt with on its own merits and not as a whole area of Tendring.

I must thank Coastnet for their support in these discussions and also for their generous financial help in funding our expenses to enable us to take part in their discussions. I have also thanked Douglas Carswell for being instrumental in putting some of the links together.

So to clarify our position:-

We have another meeting on 5th December at Westminster to discuss the Jaywick situation amongst a full day of issues regarding coastal communities. Ian Davidson is on board with this and was recently, at our last Westminster meeting, where he spoke in support of Jaywick and subsequently met with Ministers, with Neil Stock and Peter Halliday, to discuss the planning issues within our community. As you will know it is expected that the planning restrictions will be different to allow specific dwellings to be constructed. Ian Davidson has briefed Dan and Nick on this previous meeting and perhaps they will pass on the information during AOB.

So you see the Coastnet presence and the N.V.C.C. involvement has opened up other avenues in our efforts to improve our area.

To conclude on this subject, the Forum is arranging a meeting with Ian Davidson as he wishes to keep us up to date with progress. This meeting is provisionally for 10th December. When it is confirmed I will arrange with Forum members.

As you have heard hopefully we now have a stronger case to move forward with our aims to take us out of the No.1 deprived area into something better and which we will all benefit from. This has all taken place over the last few months and although I have given brief accounts of our involvement, I have not felt confident in raising everybody's hopes to what may still be unknowns. But if we can keep the interest and determination to carry on with our desires to improve the rights of everyone to enjoy a better environment for our everyday lives; with the hopes for developers to arrive as and when, to build on empty sites; and the control of benefits being handed out to properties that are substandard, we should look forward in anticipation of a favourable outcome.

As you will no doubt know I am handing over the position of chairperson this year.

I would like to thank all members of the Forum who work very hard and are dedicated to the organisations that they represent, for supporting me in the position of Chairman.

Also to thank our local Community Warden Team and dedicated members of TDC who work amongst us. Our outside agencies Coastnet for their input to many issues and organisations within Jaywick.

I would also like to thank Dan and Nick who have taken our concerns on board and have, and are, dealing with so many problems that confront us all.

Hopefully I will be allowed to continue on the Jaywick Community Forum as a representative of the Home Owner Occupiers and to carry on with some of the issues that are being dealt with at the moment. The Forum's presence is, I believe, most important to keep the pressure on the many issues to bring them to fruition.

Thank you all.

TREASURERS REPORT:

There is a meeting (as stated in Chairs report) by Coastnet should the member of the Forum attending get the travel paid? - agreed by all for 5th December 2011 only. See following page for accounts

ACTUAL BANK BALANCE AS OF 25th NOVEMBER 2009 £1,607.17

Accounts to 24th November 2010

DATE	CHEQUE	FOR	AMOUNT	BALANCE
BALANCE C/F				£1,607.17
27/01/2010	157	Resource Centre	£22.00	£1,585.17
16/12/2010	158	Newsletter -200	£12.00	£1,573.17
25/02/2010	159	Golf Green Hall	£14.00	£1,559.17
29/03/2010	160	Resource Centre	£27.50	£1,531.67
28/04/2010	161	Golf Green Hall	£14.00	£1,517.67
07/05/2010	IN	Coastnet Grant **	£500.00	£2,017.67
07/05/2010	IN	Grant from Interaction	£1,500.00	£3,517.67
01/06/2010	162	Resource Centre	£22.00	£3,495.67
28/07/2010	163	Newsletter -200	£12.00	£3,483.67
28/07/2010	164	Coastnet **	£500.00	£2,983.67
28/07/2010	165	Golf Green Hall	£21.00	£2,962.67
25/08/2010	166	Resource Centre	£22.00	£2,940.67
29/09/2010	167	Golf Green Hall	£14.00	£2,926.67
15/11/2010	168	Resource Centre	£22.00	£2,904.67
12/08 - 31/10	169	Secretary Expenses	£90.30	£2,814.37

** Coastnet Grant for Jay Olympics

BANK BALANCE AS OF 24th NOVEMBER 2010

£2,814.37

BALANCE C/F				£2,814.37
01/11/2010	170	Golf Green Hall	£14.00	£2,800.37
18/11/2010	172	Newsletter -200	£15.00	£2,785.37
18/12/2010	173	Resource Centre	£22.00	£2,763.37
23/02/2011	174	Jaywick Day Donation	£50.00	£2,713.37
23/02/2011	175	Golf Green Hall	£14.00	£2,699.37
23/02/2011	176	Resource Centre	£27.50	£2,671.87
04/03/2011	177	John Wolton (Expenses)	£50.00	£2,621.87
24/03/2011	178		£25.00	£2,596.87
30/03/2011	179		£18.00	£2,578.87
31/03/2011	180		£20.00	£2,558.87
25/05/2011	181		£14.00	£2,544.87
14/06/2011	182	Planning Permission	£335.00	£2,209.87
26/07/2011	183		£20.00	£2,189.87
31/08/2011	184	Golf Green Hall	£14.00	£2,175.87
31/08/2011	185	Newsletter	£15.00	£2,160.87
31/08/2011	in	Grant for Lotus Way	£355.00	£2,515.87
31/08/2011	186	Lotus Way Spend	£25.00	£2,490.87
20/10/2011	189	Resource Centre	£20.00	£2,470.87
23/11/2011	188	John Wolton Expenses	£50.00	£2,420.87
12/10-11/11	187	Secretaries Expenses	£150.00	£2,270.87

Please be aware cheque number 171 was not issued.

BANK BALANCE AS OF 30th NOVEMBER 2011

£2,270.87

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following were the only nominations for the posts and all were voted in unanimously

Chair – Ray Hanson (1st year)

Vice Chair – Brenda Oliver (1st year)

Secretary – Gill Elkins (4th year)

Treasurer – Dan Casey (4th year)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Ray Hansen, to the chair for the remainder of the meeting and thanked JW for all his hard work over the last three years and for what he had achieved in that time.

- I) Newsletter – agreed
- II) Janet Sharpe - please see appendix 1 attached. Some of the matters were discussed especially the idea of a one way system - this has been mentioned before and followed up but is not really feasible at present due to roads from Brooklands Road finishing at dyke

Amanda Gosling - Youth Worker for Jaywick explained her job.

Piping of Dyke - The Environment Agency is looking to pipe the dyke but they need to find out who the owners of certain pieces of the dyke/sea wall are. There is also the problem of a high voltage cable underneath it. This will remove the steps that are in use at present to get on to Lotus Way

Wardens - There is to be a meeting soon with PH (Tendring District Council) about the funding for this.

Trying to get money people interested in Jaywick, specifically Brooklands & Grasslands. They keen to invest in the area but obviously need the statutory bodies to be on board with what wants and needs doing as some will be new builds. Chris Judd helped to bring all the people together and for the first time in 40 years there is a chance the infrastructure of the area will get better. It will not happen overnight but take some time but things are happening and the base is there to begin with.

There are lots of thing going on and we need people to attend meetings to put their points across.

At the full council meeting it was made public and on record regarding the approach to planning for the whole area and there seems to be some progress.

Firing Range explosions - DC to see what he can do.

There is a follow on meeting with Coastnet for locals giving their opinion of what is wanted 2.30 on 10th December at Resource Centre.

DATE OF NEXT AGM:

28th November 2012 – 11.30am at the Golf Green Hall.

Appendix 1

AGM AOB II) Janet Sharpe requests

(HAVING RECEIVED MY UNITY NEW LETTER FOR JAYWICK AND TUDOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION)

I AM ASKING FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS FORUM, OUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY OF JAYWICK – TO PUT MY PROPOSALS FORWARD AND TO STAND TOGETHER **IN UNITY** AND TO BRING THIS MOST DEPRIVED AREA, NAMELY BROOKLANDS UP TO A DECENT STANDARD SUITABLE FOR HUMAN HABITATION IN THE SEVEN YEARS I HAVE LIVED IN SWIFT AVENUE ALL I HAVE SEEN IS BROOKLANDS HELD UP TO THE WORLD AS THE MOST DEPRIVED AREA TO GAIN MONIES TO BE USED ON OTHER PROJECTS IN TENDRING.

MY PROPOSALS TO CONSERVE HUNDREDS OF HOMES INSTEAD OF DESTROYING THEM

1. KEEP WOODEN BUNGALOWS – FOR THE AUTHENTIC CHARACTER OF THE COASTLINE AND THE HERITAGE OF THIS UNIQUE PLACE CALLED JAYWICK
2. RE-INSTATE SENSIBLE PLANNING POLICIES TO BRING PROPERTIES UP TO A STANDARD FIT FOR HABITATION
3. INSULATION; HEATING; FLOOR SPACE AND AIR SPACE. AT THE VERY LEAST – 1 LIVING SPACE, 1 KITCHEN, 1 BATHROOM AND 1 BEDROOM WHICH IS SUITABLE FOR 1 OR 2 PEOPLE SO AS NOT TO INCREASE THE POPULATION.
4. MAKE THESE SPECIFICATIONS A *REQUIREMENT* NOT AN OPTION
5. GIVE HOMEOWNERS LOANS TO MEET THESE SPECIFICATIONS WHICH COULD BE PAID BACK ON THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY OR DEATH OF THE OWNER
6. ALLOW LANDLORDS THE SAME OPPORTUNITY FOR LOANS TO BE PAID BACK ON SALE OF PROPERTY OR FROM THEIR RENTS

But.....FIRST AND FOREMOST PUT IN ROADS WITH FOOTPATHS

- RE-LAY ROADS AT A SLIGHT TILT TOWARDS DRAINAGE DYKE OR GRIDS
- HOMES WITH SPACE FOR PARKING – EMPTY PLOTS TO BE USED FOR TURNING SPACES OR OFFROAD PARKING
- MAKE LOTUS WAY ONE WAY TRAFFIC