

Jaywick Community Forum



OPEN MEETING Resource Centre
29th February 2012 10.00am

ATTENDEES:

Ray Hanson, Gill Elkins, Dan Casey, Sylvia Hobbs, Suzy Shimell, John Wolton, Nick Brown, Karl Randal, Hilary Rowlands, Annabelle Binnington, Teresa Watson, Margaret Odell, Sam Jess, Pippa Creighton (CoastNet), Nadine McFadden + 17 members of the public.

APOLOGIES:

Brenda Oliver, Chris Griffiths (Essex County Councillor for Clacton West)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Agreed and signed

MATTERS ARISING:

Nothing to Report

UP DATE FROM CHAIR:

This is my first meeting since taking over as Chair and I have been very busy getting up to speed. I have had a meeting with TW and JW as well meetings with GE. We hope to organise attendance at future Forum meetings of statutory bodies etc., such as today's with Douglas Carswell.

UP DATES FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATION:

S.S. – Last Tuesday was the last day for the Tuesday lunch club as the funding has run out. We have also had a Tendring District Council grant for help with equipment. Otherwise we are plodding along.

S.H. – Thing going well at Golf Green Hall. We tried to get a ramp installed at the side to enable easier disabled access but had problems as so expensive instead we have had a bar installed to aid access via the stage to the back room. We have also had a dishwasher installed though it is hard to get people to use.

B.O. – Nothing to Report

D.C. - Library going strong and we are still getting enough money to keep going.

G.E. – There is rumours, which have been confirmed, that it is being discussed by Tendring District Council about losing one of the Jaywick toilets - the Jaywick & Tudor Residents Association have written to Neil Stock regarding this and stated we feel it is taking away yet another facility from a deprived area. We are also in discussion with ACECIC who run the Green Elms Surgery regarding how it perceived - GE & Peter Jackson are two committee members whom are not patients at the surgery so they are taking this forward.

J.W. – HOO going strong and going forward with certain projects.

R.H. – Taking delivery this week of a new vehicle, this is the second one in the last few months. The old one has been sold. The Hospital Hopper doing very well, if you want to use it has to be booked as earlier as

possible as usually the bus is full, this also applies to Dial A Ride. Both buses can be ridden with bus passes but still must be booked.

S.B - we have lost one of the joint heads and there seem to be an exodus of teachers as well.

N.B. - Looking at LDF and the local planning policy, when we have final details we (NB/DC) hold a public meeting about the outcomes and what they mean for the community in Jaywick.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Had communication regarding a warning about asbestos found in the sea wall which is being repaired at present. (Sent to all in January)

REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Karl Randal (Tendring District Council) - not much to say - the funding for the Neighbourhood team in place for 2 years. There is a new planning policy in the pipeline but is waiting on what national policy to be completed. Retiring in June.

Hilary Rowlings Essex County Council - nothing to add to Karl's report

Police (1 PC and on PCSO) - The new community PC for Jaywick was introduced - PC Brian Mitchen. He officially starts on 01/03/12, but has already met some of the people of Jaywick at meetings.

Sam Jess (Tendring District Council) - I am leaving in April and during my time in Jaywick I hope I have done some good with lots of empty properties being revamped or boarded up. I am still giving out the message about up keep of properties.

There are problem with the way non house fires are monitored by Tendring District Council but this is being sorted. There is room for liaison between Tendring District Council / Police / Fire Brigade - you can advise people who want to burn rubbish about the safe ways but it does not always work to stop them. This was discussed at length. From this came comments about Essex County Council and restriction at Rush Green Road recycling centre - not being able to go in with items, limit to number of visits per day etc.

Les Nichol (Essex Fire) - There is a new officer in charge at Clacton Fire Station called Darren Farr and there is one watch dedicated to Jaywick now.

Pippa (CoastNet) - lots happening and the following is a summary

1. Community Action plan workshops - we got good feedback from these and there is to be another end March/April time.
2. Still rolling out a schools programme at Coastal Academy and Frobisher - 11 have already graduated from this course with another 13 for June.
3. To have training workshops in May as part of Sport Essex, it is for 16+ age group on 23rd May at the Resource Centre.
4. There is to be the J Olympics and sports through the summer as last year - which were successful.

Margaret O'Dell - (Tendring District Council) Neighbourhood team is staying in place after March with the one exception of Margaret O'Dell who is leaving in July, hopefully after most of the projects she is involved in are completed. Have had a meeting with the police and fire regarding safety in Jaywick.

Teresa Watson - (Tendring District Council) Annabel does a lot of work at Frobisher school and with the lack of volunteering there we tried recruiting at the parents evening to this end - to meet with the new parents in May for the same exercise.

Asking for volunteers for the Jaywick Summer Fayre - on the day and to attend meetings at the planning stage.

The garden at the rear of the Enterprise Centre - we have some fencing and some trees from the jubilee project we have also been given some natural fencing by the Environmental Agency, we however need volunteers to help with the garden.

Nadine McFadden (Coastal Academy - Community Centre) - The grant funding has ended for the Community Team but the short fall is being met by Coastal Academy.

We have successfully got funding and the go ahead for a studio school and have appointed a principal as part of the Jaywick Lane site.

We have extended support to the community health champions.

More use is being made of the library at Coastal Academy Coast site and they are going to ask young people what they would like from the library.

Sports Relief - doing a mile at Coastal Academy and the community are very welcome to join in - we want them involved with the school which is part of the community.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

ii. General Local Jaywick Planning Update - Nick Brown

Generally over the last couple of years planning restraints have been a problem but we have seen an improvement with applications being passed that would not have been 18 months ago, this is down to hard work of many people including CG/DC/NB/SJ/KR etc. Martin Knappit is to be the Tendring District Council liaison and coordinator for the investment group in Jaywick. In August / September the planning department will have more idea what is going to happen to planning in the Tendring District Council area. We do not know what will be decided about rebuilding in Jaywick Village and Brooklands - it could be 3 plots used for 1 or 2 plots with parking under nothing has been decided yet.

iii. Jubilee Trees - Margaret O'Dell

I have 420 trees to plant for the "plant a tree" Jubilee project from the National Trust one of which come from Sandringham estate. These are going around the garden in the Enterprise Centre and hopefully around the area where the Orchard/Play area and B.M.X track is to be put, we are waiting on permission from Guinness Trust for the play area etc. Volunteers wanted to help plant the trees for 15th and 29th March.

i. Douglas Carswell

Thanked the Forum for inviting him to attend and was pleased to attend but had to get back to Westminster so would get on with it.

Things are changing locally. When there is talk of Jaywick, there is talk of a big pot of money from the local and county council but there is no money for this area. From suggestions from DC/NB there are things to take forward to increase the injection of funds into the area.

Planning restrictions - own property improvement, I understand why Tendring District Council want to keep a ban on development and why there are plots of land with derelict properties on them. This does not help with prices and to get on the property ladder. There is to be change to the rules, this is not going to be a Masterplan as before but will give Jaywick the freedom on planning that they at present do not have, a lot of the deprivation of the area is down on the type of housing stock available. This is a very controversial issue but hopefully it will allow long term improvement

Part of the problem is using public money for substandard accommodation. Tendring District Council has an obligation to have a minimum standard. SJ said that there are rules for this and said; "minimum standards do exist already and are laid down in law (the Housing Act 2004 and Housing Health and Safety Rating System) which are applicable across the UK.

We can assess this standard when we visit, and Jaywick houses can be brought up to this standard, (very many do). We don't visit every property which is why some do fall short of the standard.

Cutting off housing benefit without regard to Housing legislation would lead to homelessness and the consequences of such action would be detrimental to the Jaywick area". Mr Carswell said he thought Tendring District Council were not doing enough to enforce standards. It was felt around the table to enforce the standard we need to relax the planning rules first.

Green Elms - this subject was brought up and DC thought that the surgery was running OK - he was told that it is as bad now as when it was under private contract. This was discussed and the problems raised and he will look into the problem. The Chair asked if it was possible to get the Health Minister to attend a Forum meeting to discuss this, DC to ask if possible.

Tyre business in Lotus Way - this was discussed and said it was said that the owner has to the beginning of July to sort out after a court hearing where he was fined and ordered to cease trading by then.

Explosions- this was discussed and told there is a procedure in place to report damage from these. GE to get pro forma from DC and make available if required.

NB/DC thanked DC for his information regarding planning and hopes it all goes forward.

Drains in the Close still not sorted - NB to remind Environmental Agency. Letter has been sent before.

Sunspot - the last day of trading there is Sunday with the whole thing shutting down in 2 weeks, can anything be done? The reply was there was rent owed and lack of business. It needs to be looked at with regard to a change of usage.

Sam Jess was thanked for all she has done and wished all the best for the future - she leaves before the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: May 30th Golf Green Hall 11.30am.