

BERKHAMSTED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
TOWN AMENITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the BCA Town Amenities Sub-Committee held on **Tuesday 18 February 2013** at 8 pm at 22 Bridgewater Road, Berkhamsted.

Present: Paul Crosland (PC) in the Chair, Gordon Bluck (GB), Beryl Edwards (BE), Jenny Habib (JH), Susan Johnson (SJ), Christopher Talbot-Ponsonby (CTP), Tony Statham (TS)

Apologies:

1. **Minutes** of the meeting of 21 January were agreed.

2. **Matters arising**

None

3. **Environment Award**

3.1 Prior to the meeting, TASC members were requested to advise the Chairman of their 'top six' contenders of the Environment Award. At the meeting, the Chairman advised that entrants featuring most frequently in 'top six' were the Canal towpath upgrade; 'Mariners', Cross Oak Road; Children's Play Area, Butts Meadow; the new footbridge at Brakynbery and Kite Field, Northchurch, 'Ballinger', Graemesdyke Road and Berkhamsted School Fives Court and Car Park, Graemesdyke Road. TASC members then voted on these, which revealed that the 'top three' for recommendation to the main committee for ratification were

1. **'Mariners', Cross Oak Road**
2. **new footbridge at Brakynbery and Kite Field, Northchurch**
3. **Children's Play Area, Butts Meadow**

3.2 After discussion, it was agreed by a majority of TASC members that the development at Mariners, Cross Oak Road was worthy of the award of a plaque. This was particularly as an encouragement of individuals to promote good architecture in the built environment. The detail of how the plaque might be displayed would be discussed with the building owners.

3.3 The second and third placed developments should be given a commendation.

3.4 GB to contact the Architects/ Owners of the 'top three' to invite them to the AGM. SJ to prepare the certificates. **GB/ SJ**

4. Planning and Environment

- 4.1 21 Jan. Minutes, item 3.7 – SJ objected on TASC’s behalf to the concrete cladding for the Ashlyns Sports Hall. **Note**
- 4.2 21 Jan. Minutes, item 3.8 – SJ wrote on TASC’s behalf to express concern over the Planning Application for 6 Londrina Terrace. **Note**
- 4.3 PC noted that the Civic Centre has been included on the ‘Register of Assets of Community Value’ held by Dacorum BC. **Note**
- 4.4 PC noted that the development at 11 Bank Mill was the subject of a Planning Enquiry to be held on 25 February 2014. (building not in compliance with approved Planning Application. **Note**
- 4.5 PC noted that the application to have part of the Egerton Rothesay school site designated as a Village Green is the subject of an Planning Enquiry to be held on 25 March 2014 (n.b. TASC did not comment on the Village Green application). **Note**
- 4.6 PC noted that the Multi-Storey Car Park scheme for the Lower Kings Road site was approved for further development by Dacorum Borough Council at a meeting held on 11 February 2014. **Note**
- 4.7 SJ noted that Dacorum BC has approved revised refuse collection arrangements to take effect in November 2014. **Note**
- 4.8 Planning Applications for 22, 29 January and 5 and 12 February were reviewed.
- 4.8.1 4/02367/13/FHA (20 Station Road, HP4 2EY). No detailed proposals were provided with the Application, however, it was evident from the information that was provided that the proposals did not represent an enhancement to the Conservation Area or to the canalscape. SJ to object on behalf of TASC. **SJ**
- 4.8.2 4/00116/14/FHA (41 Tresco Road, HP4 3LA). To review after the meeting to check where this is. Post meeting note: CTP advised all that this is a new house in the garden of a corner plot. May raise some parking issues, but leave Town Council to review in detail. **Note**
- 4.8.3 4/00262/14/MFA (Land at Junction of Durrants Lane and Shootersway). ALL To look at before the next TASC meeting. **ALL**

5. Public Noticeboard

- 5.1 PC tabled literature containing photos and quotations provided by The Noticeboard Company, Allen Signs Limited and The Church Noticeboard Company. Signs from the latter company were considered suitable in terms of

appearance and price, and PC will find out where their signs have been installed. **PC**

6. Transport (including Parking)

6.1 Nothing to report **Note**

7. Canal (including Canal & Riverside Partnership – CARP)

7.1 Nothing to report. **Note**

8. Footpaths/ Footways

8.1 PC noted that the Agenda Papers for the recent Town Council Transport and Environment Meeting showed the proposal by DBC to designate a new footpath linking New Road with FP 1 (Castle Hill to Well Farm) **Note**

9. Trees

9.1 PC had contacted Luke Johnson (DBC's Trees Officer) concerning the 'BCA' tree on Lower Kings Road which had died. A replacement should be installed before the end of February. **Note**

10. Sparrows Herne Trust Waymark

10.1 SJ offered to take over the remaining action from TS to obtain alternative quotations for stripping the cast iron waymark and preparing the boundary stone. **SJ**

11. AOB

11.1 Nothing to report. **Note**

12. Dates of next meetings

Tuesday 18 March (8 p.m.) at Gordon's house

Tuesday 15 April (8 p.m.) at Gordon's house