



Newcourt Community Association • Annual General Meeting

Newcourt Community Centre • Tuesday 2 May 2017

92 people attended - representing all areas of Newcourt and including Cllr Rob Newby; Cllr Andrew Leadbetter; Guest speaker: Owen Wilder (Trinity Primary School Head); Visitors: Alan Howatson & Alex McCalley (Ikea construction). 13 apologies received.



Minutes

1. Chairman's introduction [Sam Gedye]

Newcourt is an ever-growing community with over 1300 homes and rising. Work on Ikea and the school have begun. Sam gave a brief overview of the aims of the NCA and what had been achieved last year. For a summary of 2016, see Trustees' 2016 report on www.newcourtca.org.uk file *NCA Accounts 2016v2.pdf*

He expressed thanks to the Trustees who are stepping down: PCSO Anthony Keller, Gemma Hallett and Cllr Margaret Baldwin; and gave an invitation to any residents to come to open meetings during the year.

2. Centre manager report [Hayley Toy – given by Cath Jones (Line manager)]

An increase in customers has meant extended office hours and increase in paid staff: 2 admin staff, 2 caretakers and a cleaner. The average income for the Centre is £5,000 per month. Users include the NHS, public sector, Exeter City Council and fitness classes. Regular events for community include: job club, pop up café, Health visitor clinic, dads and toddlers, mums and toddlers. The main community garden terracing and raised beds have been completed. Shed needed. DCH has provided a grant to do Centre front garden. Looking ahead, Hayley would like to see more community groups running.

3. Guest speaker Owen Wilder [newly appointed Head teacher, Trinity School]

Owen shared his vision for Trinity Primary School to be vibrant, inspiring kids to have a love of learning, where everyone is valued. He is very committed to helping to build community here in Newcourt. Before school opens in September, Owen will be around Newcourt at coffee mornings, drop-ins, surgeries, meeting parents and children. The partnership with parents and school is hugely important. He touched on the challenges going forward concerning the temporary classroom, the build etc. Information will be posted on the website www.trinityprimaryexeter.co.uk or parents can phone with any questions.

4. Community needs

- Visiting welcoming and listening • need someone to manage the community garden • Litter picks – on 1st Saturday of the month 11am • Britain in bloom • Social events – ideas you want to run with • Station upkeep
- Delivering flyers, Newcourt news • Parking and safety • Development issues

5. Treasurer's update [Ken Cretney]

Rental income showed a 42% increase compared to 2015. Cash payments showed an increase of 31% compared to 2015. For more detail see Trustees' 2016 report www.newcourtca.org.uk file *NCA Accounts 2016v2.pdf*

6. Election of Trustees

These trustees (co-opted during the year) were unanimously voted in: **Chris Sampson, Joanne Brown, JP Hedge and Sam Gedye**. The following were unanimously voted in: **Anita Clover** (1° J Cretney; 2° K Arkell); **Anna Evans** (1° K Arkell; 2° U Hudson); **Paul Brady** (1° C Pinsent; 2° S Gedye); **Cllr Rob Newby** (1° J Smith; 2° J Broadhurst); **John Arkell** (1° K Cretney; 2° S Gedye). These join other existing trustees, **Lee Bryant** and **Judy Cretney**.¹

As NCA is a CIO, officers are elected by the Trustees.

7. Questions & Answers (see page 2)

8. Thanks expressed

...to Owen Wilder, Alan & Alex from McLaughlin & Harvey Construction Ltd (Ikea), our Councillors and residents for coming.

¹ Subsequent to the meeting, it was clarified that one resident was incorrectly identified as proposer of Cllr Newby. This issue was subsequently addressed by the trustees co-opting Cllr Newby as trustee, effective from 16 November 2017

Questions/Comments: Post-it questions and residents' comments in black were answered at the AGM. *Answers in blue.* Post-it comments & questions in **GREEN BELOW** weren't voiced at the AGM but will be answered via email if possible.

Ikea & traffic jams • 'How are residents going to get out of the estate?' *'No issue for traffic lights; roundabout works as a normal roundabout. If there is a clog people will use Old Rydon Lane.'* Cllr Newby. 'Something needs to be done about Old Rydon Lane east. Bad at the moment, only get worse. Ikea exit will have the right of way.' *'Have it built first'* Cllr Andrew Leadbetter [NOTE: Highways is DCC. Planning is ECC.] 'About time the planning department thought about the people who lived here.' 'What is going to happen in the future – 219 houses behind Ikea?' **ACTION: If you are willing to work on a small team of residents to investigate and come up with creative solutions, email newcourtca@gmail.com**

Old Rydon Lane east • **WITH INCREASE IN RESIDENTS / SANDY PARK RUGBY FORTNIGHTLY MATCHES / LACK OF FOOTPATHS AND TOO HIGH A SPEED LIMIT – DANGER TO PEDESTRIANS WALKING THE LANE. CARS DRIVING TOO FAST ON APPROACH TO RAILWAY WALK STEPS. NEED FOOTPATH, 20MPH LIMIT AND DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ASAP**

Traffic across Newcourt & car parking • Need Traffic calming Admiral Way end? Any plans to change the speed bumps? Need for speed controls on Rydon Lane – cars racing up and down in early hours at weekends. **RIVER PLATE ROAD – SOME CARS ARE PARKING PERPENDICULAR TO PAVEMENT RATHER THAN PARALLEL – CAUSING CONGESTION; CHALLENGE WHEN BOTH BUSES ARRIVE AT CORNER AT SAME TIME. ADMIRAL WAY CIRCLE – CARS PARKED ON PAVEMENTS ON HUMPS BOTH SIDES**

Ikea build • 'What are the plans for soil heap on Ikea site?' *'Top soil is dug out, in storage site at the moment. Eventually everything will be levelled to agreed shape, topsoil grassed.'* Ikea contractor. *'We are producing a regular newsletter and will have noticeboards that will be updated. Any problem, come & see us.'*

New road onto A379 • 'Why the new road for Sandy Park?' *'for further development of houses down Old Rydon Lane (east).'*

Broadband update? • 'Barratt's had put pressure on Openreach to improve broadband. Supposed to be completed by September. BT were putting 300 slots in the cabinet. Nowhere near the capacity needed. We need to chase what is happening. Gigaclear are planning to roll out in this area.' (resident) **ACTION: Cllr Andrew Leadbetter to contact BT and liaise with residents WHEN WILL BROADBAND SPEEDS BE IMPROVED? VIRGINMEDIA.COM ARE ASKING PEOPLE TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST SO THEY CAN COME ONTO NEWCOURT. WHAT IS HAPPENING TO TOPSHAM BOX 2?**

Adoption & yellow lines • *'Phase 1 (Omaha, Caroline, Robert Davy, Batavia) is now adopted. That means the Council can do some traffic management of the bend. Serious concerns about Old Rydon Lane. Admiral Way is making its course through the adoption process.'* Cllr Andrew Leadbetter **CAN WE WORK TO AGREED PROPOSALS PRIOR TO ADOPTION SO THAT WE ARE READY TO APPROACH THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS ROADS ARE ADOPTED? ACTION: if you would be willing to be on a work force team to look at road adoption, pavements, play areas, permit schemes, traffic calming and yellow lines, email newcourtca@gmail.com**

Rugby residents' parking permits? • *'Have an option to participate. Need another task force and more rugby signs'* – Cllr Andrew Leadbetter (include Cllr Andrew Leadbetter, PCSO Anthony Keller, and residents)

Persimmon planning proposal Blakeslee Drive • *'2007 Newcourt Plan: proposal always been for flats, shop(s), additional parking spaces for use of C centre. Will lose green. Has been passed. Going through again. Community shop will be available for a minimum of 2 years. If not taken up will be converted into 4 flats. If you have concerns – email city planners.'* Cllr Rob Newby. Residents' additional comments: 'The deadline for objections has already passed.' 'Could the shop have a condition added to limit the price per foot to make it viable?' 'what does 1.4 parking spaces per property look like!?'

Doctors' surgery in Newcourt? • *'This is a private enterprise. They can put in a bid.'* Rob Newby has started negotiation with Topsham surgery.

Grass cutting? • Admiral Way – *'developer cuts grass when he wants.'* Cllr Rob Newby. Resident suggests: 'Go to Persimmon site manager and ask him if he can do something.'

Play areas: when finished? • *'If parks aren't up to standard, ECC won't take them on.'* Cllr Rob Newby. *'Developer has to get them up to scratch.'*

School questions for head • Before and after school clubs? *'working to provide wrap around care.'* What is catchment area? *'whole of Newcourt estate.'* Has a teacher been appointed? *'will be by end of May.'* Where is temporary school building? *'site will be made public around end of May.'* **CAN CHILDREN WHO ARE ALREADY AT OTHER SCHOOLS TRANSFER TO TRINITY SCHOOL? IF SO, WHEN? HOW MANY STAFF ON SITE IN THE TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS?**

Bus stop • Would like bus stop to serve Great Woodcote Park between Admiral Way and Omaha Drive stops

Facebook page • Request for a discussion about the Facebook Page re behaviour

Streetlights • **WHY ARE SO MANY BRIGHT STREET LIGHTS ON ALL NIGHT?**

Community garden • Will there be somewhere to grow vegetables? How about a community composting scheme? **ACTION: need someone to manage Community Garden**

Ideas for socials • **SINGLES CLUB 35-60 FRIENDSHIP GROUP; ADULT RUNNING CLUB; SUMMER BBQ; BALLROOM DANCING; BARN DANCE**

Shrub areas & green spaces • **BORDER OF IKEA SITE – WHEN WILL THE SCRUBLAND ADJACENT TO 41-43-45 MULLIGAN DRIVE BE CULTIVATED? OVERGROWN SHRUBS ALONG PAVEMENT BY GOLF CLUB – WHEN AND WHO WILL CUT THESE BACK? CAN LAND BY COMMUNITY CENTRE BE LEFT AS NATURE RESERVE?**