GREVILLE ROAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM
ROSS STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE
25TH JANUARY 2019

Members Present: Lenore Muskett, Margaret Willis, Heather Peck, Hazel Trocian, Tony Trocian, Steve Duff, Lindsay Duff, Richard Lord, Chris Cowan, Graham Dunkling, Jenny Bell, Marilyn Thompson, Margot Sargeant, Jane Batten, Richard Buttrey, Sophie Williams, Rod Bower, Kathryn Lilley, Bill Primrose, Paul Dolman, Debbie Barham, Shay Lettice, Christine Matthews, Mr and Mrs Bhatt, Steve Oxford-Pope, Catherina Oxford-Pope

Apologies for absence: Tina A. Jones, Helen & David Harrison, Rachael & Geoff Hinkins, Martin Jenkins, Carole Waugh

Welcome

Residents' Parking

Results of Lenore's email poll on the resident parking on Greville Road:

Total number of respondents: 18. Some respondents didn't answer all the questions, hence the discrepancy in some of the figures.

1. Has the parking scheme resolved the parking problem: 18 yes

2. Is the road calmer as a result of the parking scheme: 17 yes, 1 no.

3. Are there now fewer speeding drivers (8); more speeding drivers (6); no change (1)

4. Do you think cyclists are now safer: 12 yes (because they could be seen); 3 no; 1 no change

Residents' Parking Discussion with County Councillor Noel Kavanagh

Following implementation, the scheme is currently being reviewed.

Coleridge Road:

The parking on Coleridge Road is not quite working! The intention was to slow down the cars, but not to stop the flow of traffic. Noel has been in constant contact with the county officers. One current suggestion is to remove the parking bays on one side of the road. Residents will be consulted on changes.

Qus: *Why are the parking spaces not half-on half-off the pavement as this was how cars parked before the bays were installed?*

The current council policy is for this not to be implemented throughout the city. Although it was used in the past throughout Romsey, it is now considered beneficial for pavements to be reserved for pedestrians, even if this reduces the number of parking spaces available. On Coleridge Road the pavements are wide, but it is not current policy to install half-on half-off pavement parking anywhere in the city. The city is growing fast and the aim of the parking schemes is to keep the city moving.

Most Coleridge Road residents are really pleased with what has happened in the area (despite current problems with Coleridge Road itself). The parking scheme has stopped many cars from coming in to the area, improving air quality. Hopefully

these drivers who used to park in the area are now using Park & Ride. The area is generally safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Speeding on Greville Road

Speeding concerns on Greville Road raised by residents:

- *Straight sections increase speeding*
- *But fewer pinch points so the speeding is less of a problem*
- *Fewer cars are using the road*
- *Frequency of near misses on a bike increased*
- *Number of cars has reduced*
- *A resident has a speed camera and claims some cars do 30/40/45 mph on Greville Road*
- *Speeding peaks at certain times of day. Perhaps at the school run times, and it is used by taxis*
- *20mph is not enforceable. Is it possible to enforce 30mph?*
- *Road is used as a rat run to avoid the traffic lights*
- *Fewer cars, road has improved, speed of cars can be excessive*
- *Most of the cars using the road are not residents*
- *The road is generally very quiet but when cars do use it, it can be very dangerous*
- *A serious concern for the safety of cyclists*
- *Concern with safety at the bollards with Rustat Road. Cyclists go straight through the bollards onto Charles Street without looking, not respecting that they don't have right-of-way.*

Noel's response:

Councillors are constantly disappointed at the lack of police enforcement. The Police just don't have the resources.

Other options:

- Local Highway Improvement (LHI) fund – up to £10,000 - available from the County Council.
  see https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-your-local-highway/speeding/
    - **Speed recognition** devices – funding currently being discussed for one or two for Coleridge Road, they should be appearing soon. Noel will find out if they can be used in Greville Road. One condition of getting these cameras is that they are moved around. A bid could be put in for Greville Road for next year. Bids open in July. Each bid is scored, the key criteria is safety, keeping people safe gets a high score.
    - **Speed Watch** - requires volunteers. It is generally more common in rural areas. If a car is speeding then the registration plate is identified and the driver receives a letter.

- **Vertical Speeding Treatments** – e.g. sleeping policemen, speeding cushions, but these can generate more noise, more pollution, and increased speed in between bumps.

Unfortunately, the police and council are less motivated to implement traffic calming measures if there haven't been any fatalities. It is amazing how much police do with such little resources. They are enthusiastic about Speed Watch. There is a chap on Coldham's Lane with a speed camera working voluntarily. Maybe I (Noel) could talk with him to see if he would visit Greville Road?

Qus: *As a driver I'm scared by cyclists in dark clothing cycling with no lights. Do police still do the scheme of stopping cyclists, fining them and giving them free lights in return?*

Response from Noel: The county council do go to the Freshers week and give out bike lights.

Comment: Turning right from Greville Road onto Coleridge Road, the centre line is missing and is needed for safety.

Comment: *Chicanes one the corner of Greville Road and Rustat Road are set up the wrong way around because you end up on the wrong side on the road. Suggestion is to replace them with posts.*

Response from Noel: These bollards will be remodelled as part of the Chisholm Trail. There is a lot of funding available for the Chisholm Trail. The Carter Bridge (red and blue footbridge) will hopefully be modified as part of the Chisholm Trail. The plan is to add vents that will aid ventilation and also enable bridge to be cleaned on the outside.

Comment: *Can we have posts put in on Charles Street so that the road becomes a no through road?*

Response from other members: *A cul-de-sac would be very difficult for delivery lorries etc. as there's no turning space. This issue was debated some years ago.*

Response from Noel: It could be discussed again. Residents and public would be consulted if changes were proposed.

Comment: *There is a bus stop on Coleridge Road at the end of Greville Road which is not marked on the road, and there is also no double yellow line. Something should be marked to stop cars parking in the area.*

Noel is thanked for meeting with us.

Residents Association business

Changes in Committee

Current Officers:

Chair – Lenore Muskett; Vice Chair – Caroline Jones; Treasurer – Margaret Willis, Richard Buttrey - webmaster

Proposed Officers:

Chair – Chris Cowan; Vice Chair – Caroline Jones; Treasurer – Heather Peck, Richard Buttrey - webmaster

The proposed candidates were accepted without opposition.

Lenore Muskett and Margaret Willis were thanked for the considerable work they have put into the RA since its inauguration.

Lenore gave her thanks for letting her be chair. She has had lots of fun, met a lot of neighbours, chatted a lot! Is stepping down as she believes the roles need to circulate and that change is good.

Welcome to Chris who has volunteered to take on the role of Chair, albeit slightly reluctantly! He believes the RA is a good thing and is keen for it to continue.

Membership fee

Subscription has been reduced from £5 per person to £3 per household, due to finances that have been carried over from previous years.

Potential events for the coming year

- Playing out day combined with a street party
  We may need insurance. This would not all fall on the committee to organise, but would need a steering group. Rock Road have a regular street party so could be consulted for advice.
- A new potential RA member suggested opportunities for children to get together, perhaps a picnic at Coleridge rec, and carol singing