

Minutes of meeting of the Adel Association
Held on Thursday 21st February 2013
In The Stables, Back Church Lane

Chairman – Dr. Barrie Hopson

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Update from the local Police

PC Sarah Bromitt and PCSOs Rebecca Neilson and Clare Salkeld attended the meeting.

PCSO Neilson gave an update on the work being done by the PCSOs across the NPT area where currently they are focusing on prevention of burglary. There has been 1 burglary and 1 attempted burglary in Adel in the last month. There has been 6 “Burglary – Others” and 1 attempted – these relate to theft from sheds and garages. Bicycles are the main target and tools.

Residents asked what number should be called if they see something suspicious:

For Non Emergency – suspect something suspicious **101**

For Emergencies – where a crime is in progress **999**

2. Cold Calling

Cllr. Anderson gave an update on the current position with Cold Calling. He thanked Mr. Hart and Mr. Snodgrass for the tireless work they had done on getting the prices on the literature agreed and working with suppliers to find the best deal.

Cllr. Anderson had met with the Chairman Barrie Hopson to update him on the funds required from the Adel Association to help fund the Cold Calling.

Cllr. Anderson explained how the delivery of the literature would work. Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators would deliver in their areas and volunteers have already been found for many other areas.

He then asked the meeting if they were content to proceed and Mr. Geoff Steel proposed that the Association fund the Cold Calling with a donation of £2000.

The Chairman suggested that to replenish the funds we ask each household to pay £1 towards the cost but this is completely voluntary and is not conditional in any way to getting their literature and stickers.

3. Development Issues

Prof. Seaward asked why David Wilson Homes (DWH) keep applying for retrospective planning permission. Cllr. Anderson explained that they actually have not completed the planning permission to build the houses as it is not signed off and currently they are building "at risk".

Cllr. Anderson reported that he and the Chairman, Barrie Hopson, had met with DWH representatives in January and raised 33 separate points with them, some of which had come from local residents.

Cllr. Anderson went on to advise that DWH are the preferred bidder for the Bodington Hall site. They are also interested in the Lawnswood Government Buildings site when it becomes available and as Barratts they are now interested again in the Eastmoor site.

The affordable properties have not yet been advertised at the Holt Avenue site as no agreement has been signed off with Leeds Federated Housing who will be providing these.

The contact residents should use for any problems with DWH is David Hunter the site manager (**Tel. 07702 678240**).

A resident asked what numbers of housing could go on Lawnswood. At this stage it is not known. The outline for Bodington is 106 plus 29 on the top field at the Otley Road entrance. The Planning Application is most likely to be submitted at the end of March 2013.

The Bodington site construction traffic will access the site from Otley Road. The show homes will be built at the Adel Lane end and will be accessed from Adel Lane.

4. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Cllr. Anderson updated the meeting in respect of the amount of money the community can hope to receive under the CIL arrangements. Under the arrangements a community who have developed a Neighbourhood Plan and had it approved will receive 25% of the levy raised which currently stands at £90 per square metre for every new house built. Whether the plan has been developed by a group of residents or by a Parish Council/Town Council makes no difference, both are equally recognised.

The Council will levy the landowner who then pays the money to the Council and 25% comes back to the Community to spend on agreed local priorities. Residents would be consulted fully on this through the Neighbourhood Forum.

5. Core Strategy

Cllr. Anderson advised that the consultation period is now complete as at 18/2/13. The Neighbourhood Forum has contributed to this. There will be a public inquiry where contributions will be heard before a Planning Inspector and the Neighbourhood Forum will be able to attend and put their evidence forward along with any other parties who contributed to the consultation.

The important document which is still awaited and is due in summer 2013 is the Site Allocations Policy.

6. Civic Trust Update

Prof. Seaward gave feedback from the Civic Trust meeting he and 3 other Adel Association members attended in November. He felt that there was no holistic approach by the Trust where buildings are concerned and on the "heritage" side they do not go any further than old buildings. There were 2 good presentations and groups who attended were able to speak at the end of the meeting. Prof. Seaward spoke for the Adel Association and its fight for the retention of the fields.

7. Neighbourhood Forum

Ian Bond updated the meeting on the progress he has made with the Forum. He and Nick Brown are Co-Chairs and the Forum is getting publicity through the various local magazines. A draft Constitution has been drawn up and the focus groups taking forward the different topics are being formed. The first public consultation will take place on Saturday 20th April (venue to be confirmed) and the next Forum meeting will be on Monday 22nd April. Determining the boundary is proving difficult but currently the Forum is using the old Parish boundary. The boundary has to be agreed by the community.

8. Community Garden/Play Area

Amanda Schonfeld updated the meeting on the play area. She met along with another parent Luke Davies, with West North West Homes (WNWHL), Cllr. Barry Anderson and Barrie Hopson. At that meeting Wyn Davies from WNWHL agreed the parents could develop a questionnaire for residents and this would also go to the Council tenants in Wayland Croft/Approach.

Amanda reiterated that the site for a playground must meet certain criteria and fit with the Playground Association's guidelines e.g. visible from a main road.

9. AOB

Amanda advised that work has now been completed on the footpath and the only thing left is the street light to be repositioned.

Cllr. Anderson asked that someone read over the final revised version of the Adel Neighbourhood Design Statement which is now complete. Paula Brown volunteered.

Prof. Seaward raised the issue of the ginnel between Holt Close and Otley Road and also the footpath that goes across the private road (from Church Lane to Bedquilts) needs resurfaced. Cllr. Anderson said he would ask highways to meet on site to look at this.

Raymond Curry raised the issue of whether the Association should look at sending in their thoughts to contribute towards the 2013 Joint Polling District and Community Governance Review which includes a review of the boundaries of current Parish Councils and any potential new Parish Councils. The Chairman asked that if anyone wanted to lead on this they should send a note to him to ask him to put it on the agenda and that whoever does should be prepared to research and then debate the matter at an Association meeting.