



Minutes of a Meeting of the Poonah Road/ Pomona Road Neighbourhood Improvement Group held in the Old Magistrates Court, Town Hall at 6pm on Monday 2 October 2023.

Welcome and Apologies

Chairman: Simon Crowcroft (SC)

Apologies: None

Present: Rachel and Michael Fay (and Lily-Rose 14 months), Joan Jagger, Julie Edwards, James Sheedy, Adam Fellows

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on 12 June 2023 were hereby approved.

Matters arising

- SC confirmed that a review into the Parish's Residents Parking scheme has begun
- SC expressed his ongoing interest in Automatic Number Plate Recognition software and confirmed that he is still looking into ways that it can be introduced.
- It was resolved that dog mess is still a huge issue with dogs urinating on people's front gates and dog mess being left all over the pavements. It was suggested that as part of the NIA scheme that dog toilet free zones be introduced. SC confirmed that he will keep this item on the agenda and will have the Parish team look into what other local authorities have done to tackle the issues.
- SC encouraged the residents to consider a residents group to keep the NIA scheme going, to adopt planters in the area and to report back any issues to the Parish. He suggested a Facebook group may aid this.
- SC confirmed that the Societe Jersiaise have been working on a presentation about the history of the area which he hopes will be ready for next month. He further confirmed that he hopes these presentations will be made into booklets which can be distributed to all households in the area and viewed online.

Current plans for improvements

- Existing plans have been circulated previously with the residents.
- It was mentioned that the road markings had been repainted in the area within the last few weeks. SC expressed that he wants to see as few road lines as possible in the new NIA scheme as he believes that the lines reinforce the fact it is a road.
- SC believes that the only controversial aspect of the plans is the loss of a visitor's space for the planting of a tree. He confirmed that a full consultation will need to

be undertaken on this matter. It was suggested that flexibilities in the RPZ scheme be looked into to be able to offer people an alternative to the lost parking space.

- SC is keen to have the plans signed off next month ready for a full consultation to begin.

Funding

- SC explained that he had agreed with government a sum of £15m to be paid over three years for the regeneration of St Helier. However, it has now been claimed that this money can only be used on States owned roads. SC intends to challenge this.
- SC believes that the States should be funding the Halkett Street refurbishments as this is a States owned road so that the Parish could use the funds on residential streets.

Next steps

- Heritage presentation (date to be announced soon)
- Update plans with suggestions made at the meeting
- Secure funding

Any other business

- It was suggested that cobbled roads could encourage vehicles to slow down whilst adding a sense of heritage to the area.
- SC wishes to achieve Green Lane designation in order to be able to reduce the speed limits to 15mph and introduce priority to walkers, etc.
- It was explained that James Sheedy has contacted Ministers regarding the culling of trees in the area. He further explained that no one would reply to him.
- The property on Pomonah Road which is being used as a carpark needs to be investigated to see whether they are in breach of planning, etc.
- It was suggested that a Jerriaise translation of the road name be included if possible.

The next meeting will be held on Monday xxxxxxxxx