JUNIPER GREEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the committee Room at JG Village Hall, Baberton Avenue on Wednesday 28th June 2017 starting at 7pm

Attendees: PC Euan Chancellor, Anne Wimberley, Ian Gilmour, Alison Walker and Vic Stewart.

Apologies: Margaret Follon, Cliff Beevers, Russell Salton, Nigel Rickard, Anthea Grierson, Gordon Lindhurst MSP and Councillors Susan Webber, Neil Gardiner and Ricky Henderson.

Visitors: Ken Davies, Richard Watt and Lynn Elliott.

2. Minutes of May 24th Meeting and Matters Arising

Vic took the chair and noted that many members were on holiday on this occasion. The minutes were accepted as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

3. Reports and recent meetings

3.1 Secretary: 20mph, the request for the report on the pilot phase of the safe routes to school initiative was still awaited.

3.2 Treasurer: No 1 account £728.79 and no 2 account £8838.50; see the accompanying document for details.

3.3 Monthly local planning matters: a report compiled by Archie Clark:

**29 May 2017**

No new entries.

**5 June 2017**

17/02258/PPP - Residential development of up to 5 units with associated landscaping at Land 30 metres west of 60 Glenbrook Road Balerno. *While this is some distance from Juniper Green, the proposal is by the same applicant and consultant as for 17/02058/PAN – ‘Residential development with associated landscaping, open space, road and footpaths at land 95 metres northwest of 10 Glenbrook Road, Balerno’. This looks like the beginnings of a disposal of land around Glenbrook Farm for housing. The end result could be much larger than is immediately apparent with consequent impacts on traffic on Lanark Road. At 25.7.2017 – Awaiting assessment.*

**12 June 2017**

Covered elsewhere.

**19 June 2017**

No new entries.

**26 June 2017**

17/02707/FUL - Erection of 7 dwelling houses at Newhouse Farm Buildings, Long Dalmahoy Road, Edinburgh. *The site is far from Juniper Green and unlikely to have a material local impact but it represents a precedent as it proposes a small development of inappropriate design on a Green Belt site in an area of prime agricultural land that was not included in LDP2016. A previous application 15/05455/FUL was rejected by CEC but apparently granted on review. At 25.7.2017 – Awaiting assessment.*

**Decisions**

**29 May 2017**

17/01536/FUL - Installation of French Doors in lieu of existing window in rear elevation at 16A Belmont Road, Juniper Green, EH14 5DY. *This is only the externally visible part of a rather bigger proposal to completely reorganise the interior of the first floor flat with hardly a room not affected. In terms of appearance, this is of little concern in this part of the Juniper Green Conservation area. I note that there is a long driveway up the east side of the site that could conceivably give access to the rear vacant site abutting the access route from Juniper Park Road to Bloomiehall Park behind. There is no neighbour notification to the rear plots – which seems to be an oversight - and there is no indication that the rear plots are part of this property or in other ownership. This should be considered along with application 17/00862/FUL by Mr.G. Andrews who I believe owns the rear plots.* Granted 24th May 2017.

**5 June 2017**

No entries

**12 June 2017**

17/02461/TCO - T1 Horse Chestnut - Crown lift to 6m thin crown by 20% at 86 Belmont Road Juniper Green EH14 5ED. *The site backs on to the Muir Wood Road field – the proposal represents normal maintenance.* Approved 6th June 2017.

17/01668/FUL -Proposed extension to existing house at 81 Baberton Mains Drive, Edinburgh. EH14 3DA. *Missing information has been provided since originally lodged.* Approved 9th June 2017.

17/01599/FUL - Change of use, Conversion and refurbishment of existing farm steading to form residential cottage at 154 Woodhall Road, Edinburgh, EH13 0PJ. *It seems the farm office will no longer be required and instead this part of the farm development (at the west end of the group of buildings abutting Woodhall Road) would be converted into a single bed residential flat. The outward appearance would be much as previously proposed. This seems to be an uncontroversial change.* Approved 7th June 2017*.*

17/02592/TCO - Multiple tree works as per attached report - felling and pruning at 1 Baberton Loan, Juniper Green, Edinburgh. EH14 5DF. The site is the former Shapes Bathroom site where there are extensive problems with trees being damaged by ivy, giant hogweed, etc. An extensive programme is proposed to deal with the issues. Seems like prudent and necessary maintenance. *[A question arises as to whether similar locations along the Water of Leith valley need like drastic action.]* Granted 19.6.2017

**19 June 2017**

No entries

**26 June 2017**

17/01721/FUL - Replacement of 26 No. windows at 506 Lanark Road, Edinburgh. EH14 5DH. *This is the Bield, a prominent 3-storey house nearly opposite St. Margaret’s Court (once owned by Dr.Sellar, one of the local GPs). It is not clear from the drawings whether the fenestration will have the same appearance as at present. The building is in the Juniper Green Conservation Area.* Granted 20th June 2017.

The Committee much appreciated Archie continuing to help keep the Council abreast of developments.

3.4 Meetings … none this month.

4. Police report

Euan reported that home visits had been made to those not conforming to parking good practice outside the school. Letters have also been sent. A man was charged with hate crime on 8 May. See the report for further information.

5. JGCC matters

5.1 Update on traffic issues: Alison to visit PNP accompanied by Councillor Webber.

5.2 Banking without bankers: Vic reported that there had been 100 people at the public meeting on 31 May in the Village Hall. The meeting was addressed by Rev Iain May, Chairman of the board of Castle Community Bank, and Gordon Buchanan, Manager of the bank. They explained what a community bank could and could not do. Some 75% of attendees endorsed the suggested way forward by JGCC to create a trust, seek CEC agreement to transfer the land at the abandoned toilet to the trust and work with the developer to provide office space for a community hub. The hub could then house the community bank if all went to plan. Meanwhile, Iain explained that CCB hoped to buy a mobile van which could serve several communities.

5.3 Football tournament 2017 … postponed to September.

6. Councillors’ Corner: Graeme reported that Susan Webber had an abandoned car removed from Lanark Road where it had sat for weeks.

Graeme spoke on tree issues, recycling centres and fly tipping.

7. AOCB

7.1 **Composition of CC**: Margaret Follon had resigned and was thanked for her assistance. Lynn Elliott was co-opted and welcomed to the committee.

7.2 **NEPS:** BM Drive, Green, Wynd had scored highly in the assessment exercise and would have the road and kerbs improved. Baberton Park bench mended by Vic.

7.3 **Resilienc**e: The group would meet on 5 July with the new Emergency Planning Officer, who had been a member of the group before her new appointment.

7.4 **Transport:** Louise Muir (LOOPS) had organized a meeting to discuss transport issues on 6 July from 2pm-4pm in Gibson Craig Hall, Currie.

7.5 It was agreed to award £75 to the crowd funding appeal by Planning Democracy for their action on Equal Right of Appeal.

7.6 Richard mentioned the Wilfred Owen centenary celebrations which may have an event at Baberton Golf Club on Friday 13 October.

8. Date and venue of the Next Meeting, walkabouts etc: Wed 23 August at 7pm in JG Village Hall committee room.

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