

Broomhall Park Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 12th January 2011.

Meeting chaired by Linda Kirk.

Present were Margaret Mackenzie Vice Chair, Ruth Naish Secretary, Karin Hessenberg, Kirill Mackenzie, Teresa Richardson and Winifred Whitehead.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Paul and Layla Alderson, Valerie Bond and Jean White.

Linda welcomed Teresa Richardson, a new member on the Committee.

Linda said Val Partington has resigned from the post of Treasurer and a replacement is urgently needed.

Mo Preston, who has served on the Committee for many years and was the Newsletter Editor, has left Broomhall Park.

Linda was asked to write to Val and Mo and thank for them for all the work they have done for the BPA

2. Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 23rd November 2010 were signed by Linda as a correct record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

Proliferation of To Let signs Ruth said she had spoken to Lewis Munro, the Council Officer responsible for dealing with this problem. He had spoken to some owners of HMOs outside Broomhall Park and not had much cooperation when they were asked to take the signs down. He said he would try to approach the owners of HMOs on Broomhall Road. Many signs have been in place for at least three months and are redundant because students look for accommodation on line. Ruth was asked to approach Councillors Shaffaq Mohammed and Alan Whitehouse for help with this problem.

4. Planning issues and applications (Ruth)

Ruth said there had been a supplementary planning application for 26-28 Park Lane. Planning permission was granted in June 2009 for a two-bedroomed house to be built on the site. (The original application was for a larger three-bedroomed house on the site). Ruth said she had some difficulty in finding out what alterations were required in the planning application and Linda had been unable to help after visiting Howden House. Louise Thomas, a Council worker was able to say it is for a very small alteration to the position of the house.

15a Collegiate Crescent Ruth said she had seen no planning application to build a shed in the grounds of this property and would investigate.

4-20 Clarkehouse Road This property is not in the Broomhall Conservation Area but Linda said she was concerned that a length of iron railings had been badly damaged, probably in the recent snow. She had been referred to Streetforce and hoped they would be repaired

Report on legislation about Houses in Multiple Occupation (Linda)

Linda was very pleased to report that she had received a letter from Laura Stephens, Forward and Area Planning Officer, dated 6 December 2010, in response to her letter asking the Council to put in place an Article 4 Direction to remove permitted development rights for conversion of C3 dwellinghouses to C4 Houses in Multiple Occupation. The letter said 'the Direction is likely to be made before Christmas and

unless modified, would come into effect one year from the date the Direction is made. **The area covered will fully incorporate, but be larger than, that proposed by the Association, as it covers other areas where it can also be argued that allowing more HMOs would undermine local objectives to create or maintain mixed communities’.** A map was provided showing a large area of central Sheffield that will be affected by this ruling.

Linda said she was very pleased about the Council’s decision to accept the Article 4 Direction.

5. Newsletter and website.

Kirill said he had recently updated the website and asked Ruth to send him the minutes of the Committee meetings so that he can put them on the website. The news about the Article 4 Direction should also go on the website. Linda thanked Kirill for looking after the website.

6. Report from the Broomhill Action Plan Steering Group (Ruth)

Ruth said a Conference would be held in Broomhill in February and she hoped to be able to give Committee members the date soon.

7. Date of the next Committee meeting

8pm Tuesday, 8th March 2011 at 14 Park Lane

8. Any other business

Margaret Mackenzie said she had been concerned recently to read about government plans to sell small areas of parks and woods that are government owned. She was advised to check on the Internet. Linda said she thought it unlikely that an area like Lynwood would be affected.