Report from Committee Meeting 5 February 2019

1. Attending: Kay Webster (Chair); Chris Munday (Vice-Chair); Reg Edwards (Secretary); John Salmon (Treasurer); Mary Bradley; Peter Coleborn; Margaret Glanville.
2. Apologies: Janet Wright.
3. Acceptance of Report of Previous Meeting: See updates below of matters arising since November meeting.
4. Matters Arising from Report – None

Committee Matters

5.1 Finance – Income and Expenditure 1.11.18 to 31.1.19. Opening Balance £1731.81 Income £666.00 (Donations £36.00. Advertisements £530.00. City Council Annual Grant £100.00) Expenditure £345.00 (Printing of November Newsletter). Closing Balance £2052.81. There is a commitment to contribute £85.00 to the cost of a Defibrillator Sign indicating position at North Staffs Medical Institute. There are other expected commitments – towards cost of second Noticeboard (if Grant application approved) of £370.00 (including £200.00 from Councillor Pender’s ward budget).

There was a discussion about offering a grant to a local voluntary organisation or a prize to local school children for a poem.

5.2 Meetings – Committee (closed) April 2 July 2 October 1. Committee (open and Public) February 18 May 20 August 19 November 18. Agenda and Procedure for Open Committee and Public Meeting on 18 February.

5.3 Heritage

5.4 Hospital Liaison – next meeting 13 February

5.5 Newsletter – Collection and Distribution from Wednesday 6 February

5.6 Other Media – Website Twitter

5.7 Peter Morton – Report

Council Matters

6.1 Planning

6.2 Environmental

6.3 Highways

6.4 Local Matters/Tenant Involvement

6.5 Licensing

Other Bodies

7.1 PACT – Next Meeting Monday 11 February – Mike Brown Hospital Report – He will not attend.


Update since Last Meeting

5.1 Finance - £85 towards cost of sign indicating site of Defibrillator.

5.3 Heritage – Railings A granddaughter of Joan Baggaley who was instrumental in the retention of the railings asked whether her contribution might be recognised in any way. Mrs Baggaley died in July 2018. Agreed her contribution can be recognised via the website.

5.7 Peter Morton (via Shaun Pender) has requested remedial works by Tesco Express to prevent the occurrence of flooding. The installation of a gully is promised. Peter would also like to pursue the possibility of a crossing at the entrance to Tesco Express to reduce the chance of accidents to pedestrians. There was much disquiet that this information was transmitted via the PACT meeting before the Committee were informed. The Secretary agreed that any communications from Peter Morton should be communicated to the Committee first.

6.3 Highways – Photographs of blocked gullies in Albany Road/The Avenue have been forwarded to Highways Client. Photographs of Potholes in Thornburrow Drive have been submitted as have those of two utility covers where the road surface is damaged. Request for complete resurfacing made.

6.4 Local Matters – Have organised the clean-up of alleyways in Stanley Road and Victoria Street by the Youth Offending Team. We may have a decision on our application for the Noticeboard Grant this week.

6.5 Licensing – A resident has made an application for a licence review at the Jolly Potters with regard to the noise and other complaints caused by the music events. According to the tenant few of the complaints listed can be substantiated and in the case of those that are valid, a number of changes will be brought into effect to minimise the effect on residents. The business would be at risk if the music events did not take place. The application will be discussed at a meeting in March. Position of Residents’ Association. Agreed that a letter be sent to Licensing appreciating the role played in the community by the Jolly Potters and hoping for its continuation but suggesting that some restriction be placed on the volume of the music played.