

# MINUTES OF ARA COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014

Present: MC, FC, CI, BB, AD, SN.

Purpose of the meeting:

- 1) Response to Drovers Way and Proposed Apartment build
- 2) Look St Albans - general mandate required for FC to take to meeting.

## 1) Drovers Way.

There is a proposal for a block of 14 apartments and a restaurant on the present site of Butlers Butchers on Drovers Way.

At present not clear if Butlers are selling off the site and if so which portion of land. Agreed that a well done development could be advantageous in transforming a partially derelict site. Issue of parking was raised - Where would residents of new apartments park as parking on all local streets is already over stretched. CI pointed out that Drovers Way is not in a designated parking Zone at present.

BB - has been trying to investigate and so far it's not clear which part of Butlers site may be used for development. Also has found no objections so far. No clear timing on applications at this point.

CI - raised the parking issues further - referring to Pg. 7 of Chris White's newsletter proposing to free parking restrictions during the day. CI - to raise with the CRA with a view to discuss a possible extension of restrictions until 10pm and to include Sundays.

FC - Raised issue of street lights re what time they are turned off at night - we all agreed that it would be more appropriate at 1am rather than the present midnight. CI to raise at CRA meeting.

MC was mandated on behalf of ARA to write or comment on the planning application.

## **2) LOOK ST ALBANS**

FC to attend the next meeting scheduled for the 13/01/14.

Issues that need clarification are:

- Potential conflict of interest with funding issues.
- Clarity of purpose and representation.
- Accountability structure
- What authority do they have?

### **ACTIONS:**

**MC** - to write letter to planning Dept. re Drovers Way. Planning No 5/2013/3035

**BB** - to write to Simon Grover and Chris White re Pot holes affecting Britton Ave and Selby Ave. Suggestion that we should approach Tesco and M&S for possible contributions towards maintenance of our roads. Need to gather any evidence (especially photographic) of delivery Lorries using Britton Ave in particular.

**FC** - Prestige Italian van that parks on Selby Ave - to get photo evidence and to speak to the Parking shop.

**ALL** - to help distribute newsletters when printed to our whole area. **FC** to co-ordinate.

**MC** - to check constitution regarding re-election of the committee at the AGM. MC thinks that we are all within our term of tenure.

### **URGENT ITEMS:**

**CI** - M&S planning application - possibly for a storage unit. The noise from which could be an issue. More information on this is required.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm      Next meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014