

Minutes of East & West Cowick Liaison Meeting : 6 April 2017

Present: Maureen Cooper, Terry & Jennifer Blair, Councillor Debbie Hill, Councillor John Barratt, Chris & Paul Bullamore
Paul Newton, Sarah Saxelby, Andrea Pendlebury – Croda

Apologies: Tony Vale, Rennee Ousley, Paul Cooper, Angie Green, Nigel & Sylvia Sopp
Sarah Millns - Croda

Welcome & Company Update

Paul Newton welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the meeting. Paul played a short film that showed the pupils from Snaith Primary School doing a charity event for Red Nose Day in the centre of Snaith.

He then gave a company update showing a few slides on Croda's latest results confirming that the Company had issued record results during difficult conditions.

Actions from previous minutes

Sarah confirmed that she had wrote to Snaith High School thanking them for their continued support by making sure pupils did not come onto Croda's grounds.

Sheila Leigh, from Snaith & Cowick Together Steering Group had been invited to attend the meeting but had responded via e-mail saying that John Barratt would attend this meeting on her behalf but that she would like to continue to receive the minutes so she could place them on the SCT website.

Estates update

1. Security

Dogs have been reported frequently over the past quarter as being observed on our site with owners not keeping them on a lead. There have been instances where dogs have run in front of cars on the drive and have been found running free in the car parks. The site has adopted a dogs on lead policy which we have communicated previously we expect that this should be adhered to at all times including weekends. As part of the security activities carried out on site, security officers will be walking the site at different times of the day and speaking to dog walkers that don't have dogs on leads. We will collect the information over the coming months and discuss at the site safety meeting.

2. Capital Development

Flats

Works to change the first floor flats into offices is nearing completion. New windows have been installed to the building and there are too small porches to be installed at the bottom of each staircase. Once completed we will use the space as offices which will be utilised by existing Cowick site employees.

Cowick Hall

We are in the final stages of the tender for the maintenance works to Cowick Hall. Subject to appointing a contractor by the end of April we expect the works to commence in June 2017 and run for six months subject to weather.

Speed Signs

We plan to put an additional camera on the driveway part way down so and will position the flashing speed sign that we have in place at the same location. A trench was dug to allow a power cable to be installed. This has been filled back in and grass seeded. The area is still cordoned off with tape.

Path to skips at walled garden

We have installed a path leading from the Innovation Centre to the skip area that is at the back of the walled garden area. We have also installed concrete slabs for the skips to be placed on at this location and at the restaurant.

General

Grounds and Trees

Various tree works have been carried out across the grounds in February and March included

- Dismantling a dead sycamore tree opposite the flats
- Preventative maintenance works to the beech tree that is on the drive have taken place.
- The hedge at the back gate has been cut back in line with the fence line.
 - We did speak to the neighbours the week before works began and also spoke to the occupant of the house at the back gate who was concerned regarding the aesthetic impact of quite drastic pruning works.

- We will install planting to the hedgerow toward the end of the year to this area and we have informed the immediate neighbours
- Our grounds keeper did discover that a tree at the boundary had suffered malicious damage. Batteries had been buried at its roots and also inserted inside of the tree and taped into place, presumably to kill the tree. The bark around the trunk has become detached and our tree surgeon has advised that this is a symptom of a tree in distress which could lead to it dying completely. We are monitoring the tree and should we find out the persons responsible will report it to the police as criminal damage.

Roofing Repairs

We have had a survey carried out on the roof the new stables building as we do still have some leaks. The scaffolding that is in place at the rear of Stables will remain in situ until the repairs have been carried out.

Fun Day

We have the date for Fun Day this year as Saturday 8th July.

Community Update

John Barratt mentioned that there had been some confusion regarding the East gate being left open, Sarah assured him that the only time the gate had been open was when the contractors were trimming the hedge near the back gate. The back gate is only opened to allow contractors to cut the trees. The pedestrian gate will be changed and a new large gate that can be opened from the Estates office will replace the existing gate. Sarah would like to use this gate for Royal Mail and courier deliveries once the new gate is installed, no lorries will be allowed access, this will mean around 2 DHL and 2 Royal Mail deliveries a day. Although Sarah cannot say exactly how many deliveries will be made using the East gate. It was appreciated that the residents of East Cowick would not be happy with lorries making deliveries and this is not the intention, Sarah is going to trial the delivery vans and listen to feedback from the villagers. Any issues should be brought to the attention of the committee.

John Barratt has been trying to sort out an issue with overflowing drains as you come out of Back Lane, Sarah said that Croda had not experienced any issues.

The hedge at Cherry Tree farm has now been cut back to allow runners and walkers access to the path to avoid running on the road, however this has now resulted in cars parking on the path.

Date of the next meeting : Thursday 14 September 7.00pm conference room 5 Cowick Hall