

**Derwenthorpe Residents' Association  
All Residents' Meeting  
Wednesday 18 July 2018**

**1. Welcome, apologies and thanks.** In the absence of IC, IE welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. In attendance were –

- Core Team: Sam Borman, Wendy Borman (Secretary), Ian Eiloart, Sheri Kinbrum, Gerry Mountfort (Treasurer), Dave Munley
- Residents: 13
- JRHT: Joanne Lofthouse (Derwenthorpe Manager)

Apologies were –

- Core Team: David Casswell, Ian Croston (Chairperson), Matt Gardner, Nicky Helliwell (Vice Chairperson)
- Residents: Jean Lavers and Shelagh (Emily) Wynne

**2. Review of minutes of previous meeting.**

- There were no outstanding actions from the minutes of the all residents' meeting on 20 March 2018.
- The minutes of that meeting were accepted as accurate, proposed and seconded by Steven Burkeman and Neil Swindells respectively.

**3. Treasurer's report.** GM reported as follows –

- Expenditure is in line with budget.
- The balance is approximately £990 (DRA) and approximately £4500 (community pot).
- Recent DRA outgoings have been a monthly cost of DNSimple for the website domain name, renewal of the Fastmail (DRA Secretary email) account, and printing of the recent newsletter.
- Recent community pot payment has been made to support the Big Picnic.

**4. Community Activity Network CAN (previously Community Activity Group CAG).** SK stated that the group has been renamed to better reflect its role in that it is an open network to which all residents are welcome, rather than a closed group. She gave a brief explanation of its activity –

- It meets monthly currently on the third Friday at 10.00 am in the SSC, with interim discussions taking place by email.
- The day and time of future meetings is under discussion to make them more inclusive.
- Visit <http://www.derwenthorpe.co.uk/CommunityActivityNetwork> on the website for further information.
- There are plans to develop a yearly calendar of community events.
- There is a certain fluidity to organisation as the CAN and DRA work together to develop best practice.
- Monthly coffee mornings are resuming in the SSC on Sunday 2 September, and thereafter on the first Sunday of the month, in conjunction with Joe's pop up bread and veg stall.
- On Saturday 29 September, an over-55 soup and sandwich event is planned in the SSC, together with the Osbaldwick community, as part of the York 50+ Festival.
- Recent events included Discovering Derwenthorpe and the Big Picnic, which were both very successful.

**5. Status report.**

- Lotherington Lake. IE reported that work on the fencing/hedging is now planned for the autumn, and in view of the recent weather this was probably a good decision.
- Internet access. IE stated that whilst this is fast and competitively priced, it is at times unreliable. He will take this up with PureFibre. A discussion followed, summarised as follows –
  - Variable download speeds are being experienced by one resident.

- Another has problems with their router randomly turning itself off. He was advised to report this to PureFibre.
- A question was asked about the position regarding the franchise. JL said it was reviewed by JRHT once the development reached a certain size. However no other companies expressed an interest as they cannot match the PureFibre package, and none were prepared to share the infrastructure as installed.
- It was recognised that customer service from PureFibre is second to none.
- Future governance (how we run Derwenthorpe). There was a lengthy discussion, particularly regarding scope and process.
  - Steven Burkeman explained that JRHT had certain statutory obligation under S106 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990. Some of these had been fulfilled via DPAC (Derwenthorpe Partnership Advisory Committee), which had provided a forum for all stakeholders, including representatives from neighbouring communities (especially Osbaldwick and Meadlands). As the development moves towards completion, there will soon be no need for those representatives to be involved in what is essentially the governance of Derwenthorpe. For the future, a joint governance group has been suggested by JRHT, involving it and the DRA. As a resident who is also a Trustee of JRHT, Steven has been asked by Joel Owen to represent JRHT in discussions with DRA representatives. It is Steven's understanding that the DRA intends that any draft proposals emerging from these meetings should be put before all residents for consideration, and possible approval, amendment or rejection.
  - There was some concern amongst a few residents that there was not enough information available regarding these discussions. It was stated that at this early stage there is not much information to share, but as progress is made IE agreed that the DRA would look at opening the discussion to include residents.
  - Ways of involving more residents in discussions were considered. There was a suggestion that JRHT should be taking a lead on resident involvement.
- Road works. IE reported that there will be road works prior to road adoption by CYC. So far, only roads on Stephenson have been tested, and work is expected to be done on these first. After this, the top surface will be put on. The delays are due to contentious legal issues between DWH and their sub contractor/s regarding the construction. Road adoption will also include street lighting. Residents will be updated as information becomes available.
- Quad bikes.
  - SB spoke about recent problems with quad bikes on Derwenthorpe and the cycle path. He outlined the ownership position and maintenance responsibilities for different sections of the path – the route from Metcalfe Lane to the border of Derwenthorpe is owned and maintained by JRHT; the route from Derwenthorpe to the split at James Street travellers' site is owned by CYC, leased to Sustrans and maintained by Sustrans; the routes either side of the travellers' site to James Street and Hallfield Road are owned and maintained by CYC (although there is a possibility that maintenance may become the responsibility of Sustrans in the near future).
  - It is considered that problems have generally become worse since the blue barriers were taken down at the exits. This was done to give improved access for mobility scooters, wheelchairs and buggies. However, it has also given easier access to unauthorised users, putting others at risk.
  - The core team have organised a meeting for Thursday 16 August with two staff members of Sustrans, the cycling officer for CYC, JL and members of the core team, to find how to address these problems.
  - All residents who see quad bikes (or any other unauthorised users ie motorised vehicles) are urged to contact the police by either phoning 101 or emailing [snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk), and quoting the incident number

12180125254 (including any photos or video footage). The more reports the police receive, the more resources they can allocate and the more information they have to help them deal with the problem. These details will also be posted on the website.

- A question was raised about the ownership of the cycle path towards Meadlands, in particular because of potholes. JL agreed to check this.
- A question was raised about when the path between Seebohm and Burnholme will be opened. JL stated this is not known, and the decision lies with CYC.
- Crescent park. WB reported that work to improve drainage is planned and according to JRHT “imminent” but exact dates are not known.
- Lotherington lake and Lotherington central LAP gabions. WB reported that the contractor has the materials and is recruiting labour. Work is expected to start within two to four weeks, and JRHT intend to contact the contractor in two weeks for an update if work has not started. The lake gabions will be repaired before those on the LAP.

6. Any other business.

- Chris O'Neill. A resident expressed sadness that Chris our caretaker is leaving, as residents have found him unfailingly helpful and a positive face representing JRHT. All present recognised Chris's contribution to life on Derwenthorpe.
- Temporary suspension of 25 bus stop. This was due to DWH installing roofs on the new houses being built by the sales office on Seebohm, and was related to a health and safety issue.
- Children playing in parking areas. A resident on Lotherington stated that there is a problem with children playing in a courtyard (which is also a car parking area) and the speed of vehicles accessing it. As a shared space, there needs to be more awareness from all users, but it was recognised that achieving this practically will be difficult. JL agreed to raise this at a liaison meeting.
- Mailing list. SB asked any residents who wants to be included on the mailing list to sign the form. All emails are sent “blind copy” and never shared with a third party without seeking permission.
- Volunteers for core team. SB reported that one core team member is leaving soon, and that some others are considering their positions. Residents are encouraged to come forward and serve on the core team.

7. **Dates of next all residents' meetings.** All meetings start at 7.30 pm and are held in the SSC.

Wednesday 26 September 2018	Wednesday 27 March 2019
Wednesday 21 November 2018	Wednesday 29 May 2019
Wednesday 23 January 2019	

**Core Team Meetings.** Residents are welcome to attend Core Team meetings as observers. However as space is limited (and sometimes these meetings are held in our homes due to the unavailability of a room in the SSC), you **must contact the secretary at least two days before the meeting** to confirm that there will be space. Meetings start at 7.30 pm. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 15 August 2018	Wednesday 14 November 2018
Wednesday 19 September 2018	Wednesday 12 December 2018
Wednesday 17 October 2018	

**Contact details**

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