

“Working Together for a Successful Stapleford”

Attendees

Stephanie Wilkinson	Broxtowe Borough Council	Marla Stringer	Marshall Allen
Elizabeth Campbell	Broxtowe Borough Council	Gary McGrath	Nu Trend Interiors
Councillor Godfrey Walt	Stapleford Town Council	Debbie Blake	Full Throttle
Tom Martin	Age Concern	B Sandu	Telecentre T.V & Audio
Councillor Rik Sharma	Stapleford Town Council		

Apologies

Barbara Brooke	Stapleford Core Group	Steve Vinue	Full Throttle
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1. Welcome, apologies & minutes from the last meeting

EC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Actions from the previous meeting:

• **Second hand shop continues to display goods outside**

Nothing has been done as of yet but EC and SW to contact the enforcement team at the Council. Similarly it was suggested that the owner Mike Townsend be approached regarding the situation.

Action 1

• **Paving at the Sandiacre end**

From Halls Road to Brookhill Street. The council are waiting on a cabinet meeting and the Greater Nottingham Partnership for further information. It was also noted that the road at St James Terrace appears to be sinking.

• **Support for Stapleford by the Sea event**

GW updated the group that instead of having the Stapleford by the Sea event the town is to have a big open fun day on the rec that is anticipated to attract thousands of people.

2. Open event planning

This will give the results of the survey that has taken place in the town. It is hoped that this will interest all Town Centre businesses and will also be a tool of promoting the group. This survey will then lead into an action plan.

Possible venues for the event were discussed:

- Maycliffe Hall
- The Chequers
- Indian Restaurant
- Blush Bar

SW to explore possibilities

Action 2

The date of the open meeting was decided as Thursday 6th September and will be held from 6-8pm. Flyers will be distributed to all businesses in the town (280) inviting them to attend the meeting. Volunteers to help distribute the flyers are welcomed.

It was discussed that in order to encourage people to attend the group it needed a hot topic and incentive for people to want to come. It was also suggested that the time of meetings should be changed to 6.30pm so that people are not rushing to attend.

3. Any other business including frequency of meetings

Christmas lights – Seen as not good enough. Are seen as old-fashioned and could with an upgrade.

EC informed the group that there could be potential monies from the Greater Nottingham Partnership but this is yet to be confirmed. It was also asked if there could be another event tied in with the Christmas lights. SW to explore this.

Action 3

Window display Competition – Seen as good ideas by the group but were not happy with the people that won it last year. Needs to look more professional.

Stapleford Memorial day- Sunday 15th July from 11.30. Parade will start from the Chequers to the Conservative Club. This event is expected to attract between 3,000 to 5,000 people and is going to be on television.

Wetherspoons- Very much welcomed by the group, seen as a good way of bringing people into the town.

Sainsbury's – There are many rumours going round that it is no longer going ahead. As far as EC knows the works are in progress and is anticipated to be completed in September. It was suggested that there be an update of all developments in the next meeting.

Action 4

34 Church Street – The question was raised as to what this was going to be. The group was informed that this was to be a printers. The group were also interested to know what was happening with 75-79 opposite Marshall Allen.

Landlords – Is it possible to see what they are doing and what is available in the area. EC commented that in her previous role in Ilkeston landlords were good in operating a good short lease system. The Government however fixes rates and rent is subject to landlords.

Notice Boards – Are currently empty and in poor condition. Are we able to use these to advertise both the group and events in the town?

Frequency of meetings – It was raised that meetings should be held every 2 months rather than every month so that there is more time to concentrate on actions coming out of the meeting. It may also encourage more people to attend.

Actions

1. **EC and SW to contact the enforcement team regarding the shop opposite Shakespeare's**
2. **SW to explore possible venues for the Stapleford Open meeting**
3. **SW to explore upgrading the Christmas lights**
4. **SW and EC to bring an update of all developments in the next meeting.**

Date of Next Meeting September 6th September 2007