

“Working Together for a Successful Stapleford”

Attendees

Goff Walt	Resident
Rik Sharma	Stapleford Town Council
David Grindell	Stapleford Town Council
Barbara Brooke	Stapleford Core Group
Brian Wombwell	Broxtowe Borough Council
John Lockwood	Tile Warehouse
Kevin Bethell	Bethell's
John Astle	Silk Shades
Steve Turner	Broxtowe Borough Council
Louise Ashby	Broxtowe Borough Council
Tom Martin	Alderman

Apologies

Barbara Demitrou	Andy's Fish Bar
Nicola Boyles	Broxtowe Borough Council

1. Welcome, apologies & minutes from the last meeting

JL started the meeting with a celebration of applause for the memory of John Ross. The group shared their thoughts, thanks, praise and appreciation for all the work he did for the group and everyone in it.

The group welcomed new members, John Astle from Silk Shades a newly located business in Stapleford and Louise Ashby, the new Town Centre coordinator for Broxtowe Borough Council.

Minutes were presented and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

2. Litter Survey Feedback

LA explained she was still waiting to get in contact with Paul Syson from Broxtowe Borough Council who is dealing with the results of the litter survey. The street furniture and repair work has been scheduled for this financial year but because of the cost of the quotes returned it will also be spread into the next financial year.

The group requested that Derek Musto (Environment Officer – Broxtowe Borough Council) attends the next meeting to explain the works in more detail.

The notice boards also need moving to better location across the town as well as refurbishing. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Action 1

3. Action Planning Questionnaire

The group thought that the business survey was of little use and it may be better to launch a draft action plan and then build in the business survey around that. This may then encourage more business to reply to the survey as they have more idea of the action plan and how their survey answers could influence this.

It was also agreed that LA would go and introduce herself to local businesses to explain her role and the work of the Stapleford Regeneration Group.

BW and JL offered to accompany LA around the town to promote the work of the Stapleford regeneration group.

Action 2

4. Newsletter themes

LA informed the group that another edition of Regeneration News was due to be published late February. The group discussed possible themes that can be included in the newsletter. These consisted of:

- Best Dressed Window Competition
- News on the paving works
- Action Planning
- Benefits of the Group

JL suggested that there was also another open evening to coincide with the action plan launch and possible newsletter launch. A date was set for Tuesday 21st February 2006.

The group requested details on how many newsletters were printed. GW also emphasised the importance of also promoting the Stapleford Regeneration Group to the public as public participation and influence has a significant impact on the town.

Action 3

5. Any Other Business

ST provided a paving works update. The work will be carried out mid to late March and will overlap over the two financial years. Plans will be presented at the next meeting and details sent out with the minutes. The road space will be shared with Seven Trent to try and minimise impact on the town centre. JL requested more information on the work that Seven Trent are carrying out.

Action 4

Best Dressed Window Completion – it was agreed due to poor take up, that all windows with a Christmas display would be entered into the competition. BB, DG, TM and Christine Wombwell will be on the judging panel.

Breeze Magazine – There is a meeting on the 5/12/05 with LA, JL and Breeze Magazine to see how the group and the magazine can work together to lift the profile of Stapleford. GW will also attend. LA to contact BD.

The group requested an update on the old FINA garage site in Stapleford. The planning permission has been approved, however, the developer has requested that the proposed building is slightly bigger. Mr Sahota has put these plans to the council depending on the outcome and how long any changes may take he may go back to the developer.

Actions

1. ST to invite Derek Musto to the next meeting.
2. LA and BW to try and gain more business support in a promotional push around Stapleford.
3. LA to bring more detail and any possible draft newsletter content to the next meeting.
4. ST to provide paving plans to LA to be presented at the next group and to try and get more information on the works being carried out by Seven Trent

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 6pm, The Carnegie Centre