



# Stapleford Regeneration Group

Minutes: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2005

## “Working Together for a Successful Stapleford”

### Attendees

Steve Turner	Broxtowe Borough Council
Barbara Brooke	Stapleford Core Group
Alderman Tom Martin	Age Concern
Goff Walt	Resident
Barbara Demitriou	Andy's Fish Bar
Rik Sharma	Stapleford Town Council
Vince Crooke	The Crooked Club
John Lockwood	Tile Warehouse
Mac Sohota	
Kevin Bethell	Bethell's
Paul Newson	PN Design

### Apologies

Nicola Boyles	Broxtowe Borough Council
<b>Gareth Whitaker</b>	<b>Broxtowe Borough Council</b>
<b>Marla Stringer</b>	

### **1. Welcome, apologies & minutes from the last meeting**

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

### **2. A) Vacant Unit Window Displays**

Michael Wilson of Michael's Wood Floors has approved of the scheme and welcomed any efforts to enhance the appearance of the town centre and its vacant units. 3 out of 4 vacant units which Michael owns have been measured up for installation of a display. It was agreed that another letter would be sent out to chase those owners of vacant units who had yet to respond to the initiative

#### **Action 1**

### **B) Town Centre Litter/Street Surveys**

ST highlighted that litter/street furniture surveys are in progress and that all paperwork should be returned by 19 August. Findings of the surveys would then be analysed and discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Action 2**

### **C) Stapleford Matters Community Newsletter**

Proposals for publishing a community newsletter for Stapleford were discussed. Paul Newson outlined his experience in producing publications for various town centre groups across Broxtowe and Notts. He presented some indicative costs for the publication which for a 16 page newspaper style product, with 20,000 copies would cost approx £9,000 per issue.

A general debate on the newsletter took place, including preferred size and style, how distribution would be handled, how advertising would be sold and who would collate editorial. It was agreed that to resolve these issues, an additional meeting would be called to include: John Longden, Goff Walt, Barbara Demitriou. Steve Turner, Paul Newson and Sheila Eden from the Beeston Express would also be asked to attend at 3pm on 11 August at the Tile Warehouse.

#### **Action 3**

### **3. Environmental Neighbourhood Wardens**

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ST informed the group of the above new service which was being introduced to tackle stray dogs, general litter, graffiti and flyposting. Three full time wardens have been recruited to work 7 days a week between 7am and 7pm. They will be able to issue fixed penalty notices and will receive information on litter hot spots from a number of sources, including Broxtowe's street cleaners, Community Action Team meetings and town centre business forums such as the Stapleford Regeneration Group.

Any litter hot spot information should therefore, be raised at Regeneration Group meetings which will be passed on to the wardens for them to action. The scheme will be officially launched during Neighbourhood Week - the first week in September - with publicity throughout the borough. The wardens will also attend the October meeting of the regeneration group to provide an update on progress made.

#### **4. Food & Drink Guide**

This item was covered under item 2C

#### **5. Any Other Business**

The issue of young people drinking in the street especially around the health centre was raised. ST assured the group that the police are aware of the problems and action is being taken. He also undertook to report the matter to Inspector Stapleford

##### **Action 4**

Mac Sohota raised the issue of planning permission for his property, the former Fina petrol station site. He outlined concerns regarding the planning process currently being discussed with Broxtowe Borough Council. The group discussed the issue in detail, including viewing plans/elevations for the site, which Mr Sohota circulated.

It was agreed that the Chair, on behalf of the Group should write to the Council expressing support for the redevelopment of the site for the wider benefit of Stapleford.

##### **Action 5**

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

**Thursday 1st September 2005, 6.00pm, Carnegie Centre.**

#### **Actions:**

- 1. BBC to arrange installation of window display and send chase up letters to other landlords of vacant premises**
- 2. Volunteers to return survey paperwork by 19 August to inform discussions at next meeting**
- 3. ST to invite Sheila Eden to additional newsletter meeting to share experiences of producing similar product for Beeston**
- 4. ST to refer issue of drinking in the street to Inspector Stapleford for action**
- 5. JL to write to Borough Council on behalf of group in support of redevelopment of the former garage site**