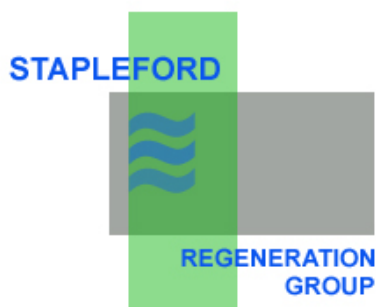


# Stapleford Regeneration Group



Minutes: 03 March 2005

## Attendees

John Lockwood (Chair)	The Tile Warehouse
Barbara Brooke	Stapleford Core Group
Alderman Tom Martin	Age Concern
Goff Walt	Resident
Barbara Demitriou	Andys Fish Bar
Kevin Bethall	Bethalls
Babinda Sandhu	Telecentre
Gary McGrath	Nu Trend Interiors
John Ross	Stapleford Town Council
Jane Carling	Balloon Explosion
Nicola Boyles	Broxtowe Borough Council
Gareth Whitaker	Broxtowe Borough Council

### **1. Welcome & Last Minutes**

Last minutes were presented and accepted.

### **2. Crime Issues Follow-up**

The group ran the group through the list of town centre and business crime issues as compiled at the February meeting, and approval or further suggestions were requested. A number of specific incidents were raised such as damage to the St Helens church hall, and vandalism of the fence near the police station. The group was reminded that suggestions of broad issues and themes were required, rather than specific crime incidents. Further issues were raised including the highly visible lack of police presence at The Roach Police Station, and the lack of communication between the Police and town centre users regarding advice on current crime issues.

GW informed the group that he had asked the Broxtowe Borough Council CCTV coordinator, Paul Crompton to contact the Police to request a meeting involving SRG representatives, Pub watch and Shop watch, where the main issues can be raised in person with the appropriate Police contact. GW will inform the group of any response to this request when it is received.

It was then discussed whether a crime survey of town centre businesses would be of use. GW agreed that once contact was made with police he would ask their opinion.

### **3. Web Site Launch**

Details were given of the plans underway for the Launch of the Stapleford Web Site, and the 2005 action plan on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, at the Tile Warehouse, 131 Derby Road, Stapleford. Invites to be mailed out to all Stapleford businesses, and additional invitations to be offered in person by group members. GW to send out invites to JR, JL, BD, KB, GM, JC and BS. Each member to invite neighbouring businesses in their area.

The group then ran through the action plan of things still to do before the launch. GW to follow up the invites with phone calls to key Stapleford businesses.

#### **4. Advertising**

The group was informed that the previously arranged meeting to bring businesses together for collective advertising was cancelled due to lack of interest. It was agreed that if this was to be progressed, it should be done so by the Topper, who have the resources. JL to make contact.

#### **5. Stapleford Newspaper Proposal- Goff Walt**

Goff Walt had compiled a proposal for a free publication to be compiled and distributed to the local area. This included costs and suggestions for distribution locations and content. It was agreed that in principle the publication was an excellent idea, and would provide a good forum to publicise the work of the SRG, as well as future promotions and newsletters. GW offered support to the publication, but also suggested that Goff approach the town council to encourage further support. GW also raised the issue that Broxtowe BC, through the SRG, would support the paper through advertising or sponsorship, but could not play a key role in the overall running of the paper. Goff stated that he is keen to take a lead in this, but would also need 2 or 3 key partners to carry this off.

JR said he would raise the issue at the next Town Council meeting (4<sup>th</sup> March), to encourage support, and would suggest that Goff present the proposal at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. JR to feedback on TC support.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

##### **Broad Oak Drive Garage Site:**

The group expressed concerns at the lack of progress on this prominent site. GW said he would check the progress of any planning applications that have been formally submitted, and would inform the group at the next meeting. JL suggested he would write a letter to the site owner, to request an update of progress.

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

**Thursday 7th April 2005, 6.00pm, Carnegie Centre.**