

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum  
Conservation and Heritage Working Group  
Minutes of Meeting 28th February 2019

7.30pm. College Court, Knighton.

**Attendees' names redacted for reasons of privacy.**

**Minutes and Actions:** The minutes of the meeting of meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January were agreed as an accurate record.

**Heritage Walk:**

The Chair welcomed the attendees, and presented the findings of the heritage walk undertaken by the working group on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The circular walk covered the South West area of Knighton, and specifically included all or part of the following roads:

Kingsmead Road; Overdale Road; Eastcourt Road / Northfield Road; Palmerston Boulevard / Kingsmead Close; Kingsmead Road South / Woodbank Road; Welford Road / Baldwin Road; Aberdale Road / Cairnsford Road; Welford Road / Brinsmead Road.

The group held a general discussion about these findings, and the following questions were raised for future discussion / action by the working group:

- Housing density;
- Discussions with local estate agents;
- Residential 'churn';
- Good practice guides;
- Tree protection orders (TPOs).

The Chair asked if the group felt these walks were useful, and the consensus was that they are essential if we are to understand the character of the area.

It was agreed that the next Heritage Walk would be on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2.00pm, and would cover the Morland Avenue / Grenfell Road and Portland enclave. **(Note the date of this has been changed to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at the same time to avoid Mothering Sunday.)**

**Some key issues (and Actions) were raised:**

1. What are the boundaries of 'Knighton Village' as designated by Leicester City Council in their promotional activity? (**Action** - to enquire of the L.C.C.)

2. Would it be possible to compile a Photographic Portfolio of the area? ( **Action** - to contact local photographer to discuss.)
3. Should we seek to develop a 'Knighton Design Statement', highlighting the best, and some of the less good, design features of the area?
4. Try to identify ALL the green spaces (including traffic islands and kerbside areas) within the Knighton Forum area. (**Action** – All members of the C & H Working Party)
5. Note specific street furniture and other features peculiar to the area. (**Action** – As 4 )

**A.O.B.**

The specific planning problems being experienced by existing residents of the Portland Towers enclave were reported. (**Action** –agreed to check on current designation of this area, and to ascertain if the service road is 'private' / unadopted, prior to our next heritage walk.)

A question was asked about the possibility of further development of New Church Close (Off Knighton Church Road) in the future? (No one was able to answer this with any certainty, but it was agreed that the members of Knighton Forum should be vigilant in identifying any potential developments in the area.)

**Date of next Meeting:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm. College Court, Knighton.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.