

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum
Conservation and Heritage Working Group

Minutes of Meeting 1st August 2019

7.30pm College Court, Knighton

Names of attendees are redacted from minutes made public for privacy reasons.

Minutes and Issues Arising: The minutes of the 11th April were agreed as an accurate record.

What is the next step re the Knighton Village C.A.? (It was agreed to invite PB to a future mtg.)

“The Essence of Knighton” - How best to collect and collate photographic evidence of the KNF area. (re. later in minutes)

Knighton Village C. A. Walk

The Chair presented the findings of the heritage walk undertaken by the working Group on Friday 28th June. He started by showing a map of the area from 1902, which clearly demonstrates the huge development of the area in the 20thC.

The current listings show 11 buildings within the Knighton Village CA which are listed. There was then a general discussion about the difference between Listings (National or Local) vs Conservation Areas vs Article 4 Directives.

The following ‘Zones’ or areas were identified by the group.

- College Court and ‘The Grove’ - Mixed development (Modern and Traditional)
- Eaton Close and Harrow Close - Predominantly late 1980’s development
- Newmarket St. – Pred. 1860’s dev.
- Gilliver St. – Arts and Crafts and older
- Chapel Lane (part) - Mainly Post War, but with some interesting features
- Welford Rd (part) - As Above, but set back from the road.
- Milford Road (backs) and Craighill Rd. – Similar to Kingsmead Rd in West Knighton and with some ‘infill’.
- Chapel Lane (part) and Church Lane - Former Vicarage in C.A. - remainder only frontages in C.A.
- Balmoral Close - Mainly modern development around former farm house (RC pointed out that there are a couple of plots in this area which are vulnerable to future development - Bowling Club and Tennis Club)
- Carisbrooke Road - Predominantly post war with some sympathetic ‘additions’.

The group also visited Ratcliffe Lodge, a listed building, built in 1897 by Joseph Goddard. (This building did not appear to have any obviously superior features from several other Arts and Crafts buildings on Ratcliffe Road, and wondered if this was a 'token' listing?)

What Next?

Invite PB to the next meeting to discuss the Knighton Village CA.

Invite a Councillor, or Officer to the next 'Open Forum' to explain the effects of the Council's Conservation Strategy on the Knighton Forum area.

Next walk ? Stoneygate Conservation Area, within the KNF Area.

Photographic Library of KNF Area.

RC gave us a demonstration of his 'Flickr' account, showing photographs he had taken of Historic Buildings, and other items of special interest in the area.

The group discussed the potential of 'Flickr' as a platform for this exercise, and how best to engage with the wider public within the Knighton Neighbourhood area.

It was agreed that RC, and SB would meet up and discuss this in more detail. SB suggested asking for a volunteer from outside the Heritage group to help with technical issues. (Possibly from Knighton Wild Group?)

It was suggested that such a project might appeal to a student, or a school?

Other Suggestions?

- Should we be compiling a list of 'Likes' and 'Dislikes' about the KNF area?
- Should we be starting to compile @Policies for the KNF area?
- (SB felt we should consult PT, planning consultant, on this.)
- **Actions:** SB to liaise with PB and PT on these and suggest future dates.

A.O.B. The Local History Group for Knighton is putting on a display in St Guthlac's Church, and the group were encouraged to attend

Future Dates: Walk: Sat 10th Aug at 10.00 am starting at St Thomas More Church

Next Meeting: Thursday 29th Aug at 7.30 at College Hall

Following Meeting: Thursday 19th Sept. at College Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm