

**Knighton Neighbourhood Forum**  
**Conservation and Heritage Working Group**  
**Minutes of Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**7.30pm. College Court Knighton**

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

**Minutes and Actions:** The minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August were amended and then agreed as an accurate record.

All actions covered by the Agenda.

The Chair welcomed PB (LCC) to the meeting and invited her to discuss her findings re the Knighton Village Conservation Area

**Knighton Village Conservation Area:**

SB outlined (with visuals) the findings of the Conservation group during their walk of this area on 28<sup>th</sup> June. (An abbreviated form of these were reported in the previous minutes - 1st August)

Of particular interest / concern were:

Grove Farm – Who owns, (University of Leicester) and how can access be obtained. Future plans?

Gilliver St – cottages These should these be listed and included in the CA.

Protection of Trees within the CA.

PB confirmed that these were very similar to her own findings, although she felt that some recent additions to the area should perhaps be withdrawn from the CA.

She felt that some boundary changes would be possible, and agreed that the Gilliver St cottages should be included in the CA.

PB was unable to throw any light on the listing of Ratcliffe Lodge. (Local authority listings are available for public scrutiny)

She outlined a number of issues which she will address in her report:

Poor quality of some buildings on Chapel Lane / Knighton Road

Too many road signs

Poor boundary treatment by some properties

Too much street parking

Under use of the Grove farm area

Graffiti and Tags / General rubbish

PB hoped that the report would be ready by end Sept /Oct, but might be delayed if boundary changes are approved.

The Chairman thanked PB for her findings and her feedback, and she left the meeting.

**Future Walks in the area:**

The previous walk around the Stoneygate CA area within the KNF boundary was not completed on the 10<sup>th</sup> August, so a further walk will be required to complete it.

Due to the Chair being away from the 10<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> September, it was agreed to set the date for the next walk as Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October, meeting outside St Thos. Moore Church at 10.00am.

### **Online Picture Library:**

RC continues to develop his picture library of the area (Particularly grates and man-hole covers) and following discussions with SB has now started to categorise his collection of photographs. To date RC has created a number of 'albums'.

The crucial issue remains that of providing access to the Knighton public of the photographic library, and equally important obtaining feedback from members of the Knighton community.

SB has explored the possibility of creating a student project around this and has spoken to a contact at De Montfort University. To date this has not been taken up, but SB has agreed to pursue this. **(ACTION SB)**

### **Preparation for meeting with PT: (Planning Consultant)**

PT is currently undertaking work with other groups within the KNF, and he is due to meet our group (C&HWG) on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

As he is paid by the hour, it was felt that we should be prepared with a specific brief before he attends our meeting.

(PT's fees are paid for by a local government grant which has already been agreed)

RG. wanted to know if there was a 'template' which we could use.

SB. said that there was not a specific template, but we could look at what other Neighbourhood Forums had produced.

He accessed a few of these on-line, and although not exactly in line with our own requirements, they gave us some idea of the format and content.

SB. stressed that although we needed to include the of the history of the area, it was important that the report was primarily focused on the future of the area, rather than its past.

It was felt that we should ask PT to clarify the various planning designations, (Listing Conservation areas, Article 4) and which designations were most appropriate for us to use to safeguard the heritage of Knighton.

**A.O.B.** None. (Although there had previously been a discussion about the demolition of a property on Southernhay Road, which is within the Stoneygate Conservation Area.

- GW was asked if he could throw any light on why this had been allowed.)

### **Dates of next Meetings:**

Heritage Walk – Stoneygate CA walk – meeting at St Thos. Moore, 10.00am Sat. 5th October.

Next C&HWG mtg – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30pm, College Court Knighton

**Meeting closed at 9.50pm.**