

Notes from first AGM of WWCC 10th October 2013

Thanks to those of you who could attend on Thursday and to others who have been in touch, written letters etc. We will have longer notes from the session to circulate but for now these are the highlights and action points including **what you can do to help in the next days and weeks.**

Meeting highlights

- We adopted a constitution (with small amendment), agreed to set up a bank account, and elected committee officers. Details will be on our website shortly
- We updated everyone on the letter sent to Matthew Barber, head of Vale Council, and the press coverage - this can now be found on our website: westwayconcern.wordpress.com
- A number of people have already written to Nicola Blackwood and Matthew Barber, we now have a list of other councillors to write to on our website on a new Letters page
- Debby Hallett provided an update on her recent discussions with Vale leader Matthew Barber, other key councillors and Brookes Uni - details to follow in full notes
- We broke into groups to discuss actions around publicity & media, petition, fundraising, delivery & admin, and planning issues
- We discussed the petition and had some debate about the timing, but agreed that a petition to the Vale Council for their Dec 11th meeting was our chance to head off this development before the Vale receive Doric's planning application. We can of course object after that but if we can turn the council around before then this is our chance!
- We signed up a number of people to deliver leaflets highlighting the issues around the development, illustrating the size, promoting the petition, and including a fundraising appeal - more details to follow including how you can add your name to the delivery group
- We also discussed other ways to distribute leaflets and petitions via noticeboards, clubs & societies, local shops and medical centres etc and started to assign people responsibilities for this - details to follow
- Events: we discussed a public event Sat 23rd Nov, probably 11am - for a human chain around Elms Parade, with press coverage, followed by gathering probably at or outside Cafe Aloha. Also discussed a public meeting in the week or so before to raise awareness - see key dates below.

What's next?

- Jo Whelan is working on the article for the November Sprout and Cumnor Parish News
- Kathy Davies and others are working on the wording for the petition
- the website is being updated with news, letter writing advice and more

How can you help now?

- **we need an ILLUSTRATOR** to draw a representation of the size and scale of the proposed development to use in our leaflet & other publicity. If you know someone suitable please contact Chris

Church: chrischurch@cooptel.net

- **write more letters** - and copy or forward them to westwayconcern@gmail.com - see our Letters page for advice, samples, and addresses: westwayconcern.wordpress.com/letters/

- **complete Doric's feedback form by Oct**

21st: <http://www.doricproperties.com/feedback-form-botley-district-centre-public-consultation-september-2013/>

- **Like us on Facebook and invite your local friends** to do the same - we're up to 78 Likes - let's see if we can get to 100 by the time the Sprout is out on Nov 1st!

- **Look out for more update emails** including allocation of leaflet deliveries and other petition work and sign up if you're not allocated

Key dates & Actions:

21st October: Deadline for Doric's feedback form - see link above

1st November: Sprout and Cumnor Parish News November issues out around this time - we are writing articles to go in these now

Public Meeting: We discussed holding this on 14th November to provide update and publicise the event on the 23rd but have since discovered there is likely to be a public meeting about a possible Neighbourhood Plan that week (which we encourage you to attend, look out for news), so we are looking at other possible dates w/c 18th November.

Sat 23rd November: 11am human chain around Elms Parade

11th December: Vale meeting where we plan to present our petition

end December: deadline for Doric's planning application (followed by a 13 week period where we can object but the first 3 weeks of that time is key)

Thanks again to everyone for your ideas, your letters, your enthusiasm and support. The campaign has really taken off since the September consultations and we have a good momentum now to get the attention of the press and those in local and national government who can turn around this proposal and get Botley a fairer deal and a better future.

best wishes,
Lorna