

Newsletter 11 - January 2017

The Badger Hill Residents' Community Group extends a warm welcome to all new long-term and short-term residents. Please visit our website at http://www.badger-hill-residents.org where you will find information about local amenities and links to bus timetables, bin collection times, shops, surgeries, schools and more.

Our work to date has been dominated by University expansion and the increasing number of rented properties on the Estate. Yes, it's less frenetic now but there is still plenty to do. Also there is a wider range of activity than ever and therefore scope to improve and expand what we do. We hope you'll attend our AGM, express your opinions and look for opportunities to contribute in 2017.

All residents are warmly invited to attend the 2017 Annual General Meeting on Friday 10 February at 7:30pm in Heslington Church

please bring this document with you for the Agenda

Provisional Agenda for AGM

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Comments on last year's meeting / Minutes
- 3. Committee Election
- 4. Finance
- 5. Main Events of 2016
- 6. Nature of current / likely future issues
- 7. future role of the group & duties of committee members "time to improve and expand"
- 8. 2017 and beyond
- 9. Questions for Councillors
- 10. AOB / Refreshments

We hope our Ward Councillors will be in attendance. Please send other proposed agenda items, questions or nominations for Committee membership to the Secretary asap.. Would anyone like to help us serve tea and coffee, please?

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23 to 25 February - York University Gilbert and Sullivan Society perform 'The Gondoliers' at the Joseph Rowntree Theatre. See the Theatre web site for times and ticket prices.

2016 key issues -

- ✓We again opposed requests to extend/establish HMOs (Houses of Multiple Occupation). It continues to require a lot of time and background knowledge
- ✓We monitored and commented further upon the next stage of the Local Development Plan, notably:
- plans for Persimmon to build 193 houses on Hull Road, opposite B&Q
- J Sainsbury's proposal to turn B&Q into a new store
- plans for a Doctors' Surgery and shops on Heslington East Campus
- ✓there's been more litter and dog dirt about than for a long time notably the litter by the shops and on Field Lane. A couple of residents have spent a lot of time picking litter up across the year.

Live Issues -

HMOs Planning applications (fewer but subtler!)

Campus East developments including shops noise levels?

traffic changes? JS/B&Q more housing? bad parking litter

sense of Community? dog owners? other major York developments

Council finances & local budgets

It feels like there is less going on than a few years ago but there are more issues and it is time to assess what may affect us and our priorities. We need to get smarter, we want to make sure we are set up to meet this new challenge!

the main issues for 2017: "time to improve and expand?" -

✓ we will review the Committee members' roles but are confident our main job is to continue to monitor Planning applications, the Local Plan and drive feedback of its consequences to residents

✓We need to get you more informed; to give you more support; to give you better ways to feed concerns and information back to the Residents' Group; to interest some of you in joining us - are you willing to give us email ids? e-mail: bhrcg@hotmail.com. We will also explore wider use of the website

✓We want to encourage increased Community involvement in projects to improve the Estate, eg: pavement safety; the playing field; parking; litter picking; topics for website - for all of these we need ideas, then volunteers

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