



## BADGER HILL RESIDENTS COMMUNITY GROUP NEWSLETTER 15 - JUNE 2022

Dear Residents,

I hope you are keeping well.

The Badger Hill Residents Community Group cordially invite you to our 2022 AGM.

This will be held on the **22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7:30pm via ZOOM** - it will be the busiest for a few years

### PROPOSED AGENDA –

- 1) Welcome**
- 2) Apologies**
- 3) Minutes from 2021 & matters arising not in Agenda**
- 4) Reports: Chair; Treasurer; Secretary**
- 5) Elections**
- 6) Topics for Discussion:**
  - Residents Parking**
  - Housing (HMOs, notably Permitted Developments)**
  - Campus Developments**
  - Environmental Issues (trees, flowers, litter)**
- 7) Councillors, Questions sent in Advance**

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ZOOM joining Instructions :-

Jon Edison is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BHRCG AGM

Time: Jun 22, 2022 07:30 PM York

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87660875086?pwd=QmJiVXRBT0hIK1YvdFZ1dHlzdzRUQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 6087 5086

Passcode: TSS8sR

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Last September Residents Parking went live. It wasn't the smoothest project we've ever been involved in but it was a triumph of perseverance - Covid, cancelled meetings, lost documents and forgotten orders all delayed us. So we do need to thank Vice Chancellor Charlie Jeffrey for his empathy and Councillor Michael Pavlovic for his determination to see things through. There are still issues including digital passes, waiting times outside schools, parents parking across driveways at schools and swearing at residents. We will have to renegotiate the contract in 2024. However most people see the system as an improvement, notably in safety.

Late last year we started looking at another large and complex issue. The Government is looking for ways to speed up housebuilding. They have changed laws but not simplified them. Several parts of York find them perplexing especially when it comes to HMO's (Houses of Multiple Occupancy), usually student rents. In our area we have recently seen: the Council passing planning applications they rejected 12 months earlier; builders making applications after building extensions, having them refused and being advised (by officials!!) to appeal; extensions built with no planning request above garages and giving a far too clear a view into neighbouring kitchens. It appeared that "speeding up" was synonymous with "anything goes" and was often described as 'Permitted Development' The Committee realised they did not have the expertise to review the law and challenge the legality of the changes. We therefore set up a Working Party comprising three

residents, Andrew Mortimer, John Nixon and Glen Robinson who have written two lengthy documents. Andrew and I have attended a Council Executive Meeting to illustrate our concerns and the Committee plus Working Party have been offered a meeting with Senior Planners soon. More perseverance required! We are very unhappy with the loss of privacy and other potential side effects of such expansion.

You can help us greatly by telling us of any new building projects near you. Also, please do report any illegal parking or anti-social behaviour.

There is still a lot of building activity over on Campus East. I will endeavour to get an up to date picture together for the AGM.

'Edible York', a local Charity, the Ward Councillors and the University have all given us time and money for projects on the field and Hull Road. We have extra trees, flowers and vegetable beds. We are now looking for volunteers to be involved, please email the Group if you are interested.

A list of plants on the playing field is available on our website. If you would like a copy please let us know.

We also plan to restart Litter Picking and need a few more volunteers for that, too. It would be especially good to keep the area round the shops tidy as a way of offering support and thanking them for their work during Covid.

One highlight of the last twelve months has been the expansion of the Committee. We are pleased to welcome Andrew Mortimer and Emily Scott and we hope to vote on Donna Gallagher in June. Emily has set up two Facebook groups, 'Badger Hill Residents' and 'Badger Hill Residents Sales'. Keep an eye on them and feel free to communicate with us via them if you prefer Facebook to email.

We are now in a position to consider some other projects. What would make Badger Hill safer, more of a community? Can we get to know our student neighbours a bit better? Please raise any ideas at the AGM or send them if you cannot make the meeting.

Many Thanks  
Alan Richards  
Secretary  
Badger Hill Residents Community Group

