



Powderhall Village Owners Association

Meeting of PVOA Committee at 4/6 Powderhall Rigg; 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th August 2006

The meeting was Chaired by Ian Corbett with Roddy Martine as Secretary. Also present were Gordon Chromka, Campbell Gibb, Kathryn Tomlinson, Sharon Grant, Frans Kooy and Peyman Taheri.

Apologies: Karen Clark, Stuart McDonald, Marianne Simpson and Dougie Brown

PVOA Parking

The Chairman provided a résumé of the current situation vis-a-vis the Council's adoption of the roads from Bryant Homes/Taylor Woodrow. When the Council's Zoning comes into force on 5th September, the 340 parking spaces at Powderhall Village will require to be controlled for the exclusive use of Powderhall residents. The PVOA is currently waiting on a copy of the revised road/parking plan from the Council. On receipt of this plan, the PVOA will formally notify the Council of our acceptance of the revised plan and take possession of our spaces. We will then be responsible for the control and upkeep of the 340 residential parking spaces within the Powderhall Village.

The Chairman is to continue to engage with Alex Paterson at the Council in this regard and failing a satisfactory response, the time factor becoming critical, will consult Councillor Trevor Davis as to what to do to precipitate the situation.

The Committee welcomed Dougie Hunter of Central Ticketing. On signature of a contract, Central Ticketing is prepared to provide a series of corrugated plastic Residents Parking signs mounted on posts (aluminium signs can be provided if thought necessary), and issue the PVOA with resident passes and visitor tickets, the numbers to be confirmed at a later date. A uniformed warden will be assigned to the site from Monday to Friday. There will be no charge to the PVOA since Central Ticketing will meet their costs through fines of illegal parking (£85 per ticket issued; £65 if ticket is paid within 14 days).

As a result, the PVOA will not be involved with confrontational situations. Dougie Hunter confirmed that this was totally enforceable and totally legal.

The painting of the words Private Parking on the PVOA bays along Powderhall Road was suggested. City Ticketing would prefer the PVOA to make its own arrangements for this and Sarah Wilson at Charles White is to be asked to investigate road painters and costs.

Resident Parking

The current proposal, subject to further discussion and soundings within Powderhall Village, is that:

- 1/** Each residential property will be given one Visitor Permit (Pink, stamped with a V) on the assumption that there are some non-car households within the Village).
- 2/** Every Powderhall Village home owner with a car will be issued with ONE Resident Permit (Blue).
- 3/** Whether a resident with two cars should be allowed to apply for a second Resident Permit needs to be discussed.
- 4/** The process by which tenants of properties are issued with Parking Permits needs to be decided.
- 5/** Permits will be re-issued annually to avoid abuse.

It is proposed that a Data Base of ticket holders (showing car registration numbers) be set up. This will be controlled through Charles White.

It was decided to appoint three on-site resident co-ordinators: Campbell Gibb has agreed to represent Powderhall Road; Ian Corbett will represent Powderhall Brae; Sharon Grant will represent Powderhall Rigg.

These co-ordinators will be in a position to cancel tickets should misunderstandings occur. Wrongly issued tickets can be cancelled within 7 to 14 days.

Dougie Hunter informed the PVOA that Central Ticketing could be up-and-running on site within two weeks. The essential next step is for the PVOA to confirm agreement with the Council.

It was suggested that PVOA plastic window screen holders featuring the PVOA greyhound logo might be introduced at the PVOA expense. The cost is to be looked into.

Central Ticketing has provided a draft contract for one year (Ian and Roddy to discuss the details of this with Sarah Wilson at Charles White). This can be initiated as soon as the PVOA committee gives the go ahead.

The Chairman thanked Dougie Hunter for his time, and it was agreed that he would be contacted again as soon as the situation regarding the Council is resolved. In the meantime, Roddy and Ian will prepare an explanatory letter to all house owners, landlords and tenants which will be sent out through Charles White prior to any parking/ticketing controls being implemented.

Beaverhall Road development

No further plans have been submitted to the Council Planning Office by M. Rutterford, but the Committee is continuing to monitor the situation on a weekly basis. The Chairman has drafted a letter of concerns and will e.mail this to Committee members for their comments. Frans Kooy is to co-ordinate the concerns of the Town House owners which will either be incorporated into the PVOA letter, or sent separately once the revised plans are submitted to the Planning Department.

- Ian is to be on holiday from 2nd to 26th September. Should the revised plans be submitted to the Planning Department over that period, Roddy will call an EMERGENCY MEETING of the PVOA Committee to discuss our response.

Fence at Playground

A meeting has been held with Brian Hunter of the garden contractors in regard to the destruction of the plantings immediately in front of the bridge over the Water of Leith above the Childrens' Playground. It was decided that a row of boulders be installed here to provide bicycles crossing the flower bed. Some new planting is also to be introduced to replace the damaged shrubs. The PVOA agreed that Sarah Wilson should be asked to give the go-ahead to Brian.

Trees

There are five dead trees in the Powderhall Rigg area which need to be removed and replaced. The cost for this will be £370.13. approx £1.11 per flat. Sarah is to be asked to proceed and, in the meantime, Roddy is to investigate possibility of Miller Homes, who planted the original trees, meeting the cost.

Signs

Sarah to be asked to investigate costs for two signs to be introduced asap at the gate to the Childrens' Playground. **NO DOGS ALLOWED** and **CHILDREN UNDER FIVE ONLY.**

Web Site

Gordon has been in contact with Sarah Wilson. It appears that Charles White cannot enter into agreement with a web site provider on behalf of the PVOA. It is up to the PVOA to set up the necessary details through a company and for costs thereafter to be invoiced to Charles White, who will then incorporate payment into the factoring charges. Gordon said that the basic cost for 2 data bases will amount to approx £100 per annum. Gordon will discuss this further with Sarah.

Next Meeting: See * Beaverhall Road development. Roddy will contact Committee members accordingly.