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Mrs Helen Howson
 Vice Chair
 Graig & Penllyn Residents' Association

6 Salmons Wood
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11th - October 2009

Dear Mrs Howson

Call for Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM)

You will be aware that for some time residents of Graig Penllyn have sought informally a meeting of the Association to discuss their opposition to a proposal to build a cycle etc track around the Winchfield. It seems that the Chair and the Committee of the Association have chosen to ignore all such requests and indeed seem intent on pressing ahead with the proposal despite the obvious and widespread opposition to it. It is against this background that we now request an EGM as permitted under Section G of the Association's constitution.

As required by the constitution we attach an agenda with several motions, which clearly indicates the purpose of the meeting. It might be helpful if we explain our thinking behind the agenda.

Introduction by the Chair / Acting Chair of the Association

This will provide the Chair (or in her absence you as the Vice Chair) an opportunity to explain the background to the proposal and the Committee's actions to date. Hopefully, this will anticipate and answer at least some of the questions residents have.

Questions and Answers

There are many unanswered questions surrounding the proposal to build the cycle track. These range from the impact the track will have on both residents and the environment, the extent that it will be used by residents (rather than non-residents), its value for money to residents and the steps taken to obtain the necessary approval from residents. This can only be an indication of the types of questions that may be asked and residents should be free to ask relevant questions as they see fit. Naturally, we would expect full and open answers from whoever chairs the EGM.

Motion 1 – “The Graig & Penllyn Residents’ Association should abandon the proposal to build a cycle etc track within the Winchfield”

Before this motion is taken we envisage a debate informed by the answers given to the questions raised under the preceding agenda item. Residents will then have an opportunity to vote on the motion which in itself is pretty clear.

Motion 2 – “The Residents of Graig Penllyn and Penllyn have no confidence in the Chair of the Residents’ Association”

At present there is a perception amongst residents that the Chair has exceeded her authority under the Association’s constitution in getting to where we are today. Whilst there has been some informal consultation on development of the Winchfield, we are not aware that any formal proposal for a cycle etc track has ever been put to a valid meeting of the Association called within the terms of its constitution. Without this essential approval step the Chair and Officers of the Association could be held personally liable for the legal and financial consequences of their decisions on this matter. None of us would wish this and we hope that we will be able to withdraw this motion during the course of the EGM. We also recognise that to take this motion in the absence of the Chair would run contrary to natural justice and this might mean adjourning the meeting so that this particular motion could be taken at a later date.

Motion 3 – “The Executive Committee of the Graig & Penllyn Residents’ Association is urged to call a meeting to decide if the Association should be dissolved in accordance with Section 1 of Association’s constitution”.

In a recent Newsletter the Chair bemoaned the fact that there appeared to be very little support for the Association. In our view this is nothing new and for a long time many residents have questioned the value of the Association. No one doubts the time and effort some individuals expend on Association business but it is largely irrelevant to the majority of residents. It is only when the Committee seeks to pursue a proposal, such as the present one, which runs against the interests of many residents that we are forced to get involved and to expend time and effort to reign in the Committee. This is not the first time in recent years this has happened under different Chairs and as a result any goodwill towards the Association has largely evaporated. Indeed many residents now view the Association more as a liability than a benefit. Therefore, the time is ripe to consider if we want and need a Residents’ Association.

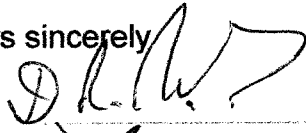
A copy of this letter and accompanying agenda will be posted on the Craig notice board today with a view to giving residents the required notice of the EGM. It would be helpful if the Committee also posted as essential background for the meeting –

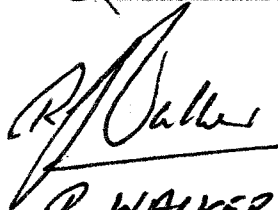
- (i) a summary of the responses to the original questionnaire, including the number of responses received, the numbers for and against the various ideas floated in that questionnaire and all the specific comments made; and
- (ii) the Committee’s note of the consultation event held on 6 September 2008.


If the Committee has in its possession any further relevant background material, we request that it is also made available to residents before the EGM.

Finally, we ask that you liaise with Dave Reade at the above address before you finalise the arrangements for the EGM to ensure that as many residents as possible can attend. In any event we expect the meeting to be held before the end of October to meet the deadline for comment set in a recent note from the Chair to all residents.

Yours sincerely




R. WALKER
"STOCKGROVE"


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J. E. Hutchinson
Holly Cottage

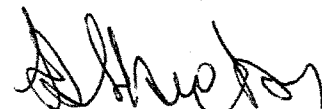


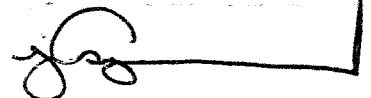
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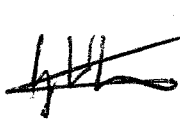
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NOT SUPPORT THE MOTIONS.

I would appreciate a meeting to discuss - we have always kept a low profile but have a number of concerns which we would like to voice. We appreciate committee is acting with good intent, so do not support motions
T. Mitchell

W. Jenkins
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Garden Crest.

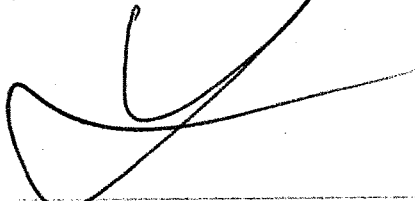
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Agenda for Extra Ordinary General Meeting of Graig & Penllyn Residents' Association concerning the building of a cycle, etc. track within the Winchfield and related matters, including the future of the Association.

[Time, Date]

[Venue]

1. Introduction by the Chair / Acting Chair of the Association.
2. Questions and Answers.
3. Motion 1 – *“The Graig & Penllyn Residents' Association should abandon the proposal to build a cycle etc track within the Winchfield”*.
4. Motion 2 – *“The Residents of Graig Penllyn and Penllyn have no confidence in the Chair of the Residents' Association”*.
5. Motion 3 – *“The Executive Committee of the Graig & Penllyn Residents' Association is urged to call a meeting to decide if the Association should be dissolved in accordance with Section I of Association's constitution”*.