

**THE GIDGEGANNUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (INC.)**  
MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2006, AT 7.30 PM AT  
THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HALL, GIDGEGANNUP.

**Present:** Sally Block - Chair  
Vicki Hamersley - Secretary

Len Baxter, Jeph Burton, Mary Davis, Fred Evans, Judy Fletcher, Geoff Herbert, Bill Karoll, Allan Lockwood, Don Robertson, Warwick Wild.

**Apologies:** , J & T Beattie, S. Croy, J Davis, S. Johnston, J. Morgan, J. Pitman

**1.Minutes:** It was moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2006, be accepted D. Robertson/J.Fletcher – carried.

**Business Arising:**

Application for Dam Lot 69 Berry Road - Judy Fletcher felt that the intention of the previous meeting was to support this application, Fred Evans agreed. It was pointed out that although one upstream neighbour noted that he had no objection to the dam, it was felt that there was not sufficient information in the application to make a determination and that further enquiries should be made of the City and the DoE to see if this differed from the previous application made a year ago, which the GPA had not supported. It was agreed that the GPA should ensure that the Dam conformed to the Dams Policy. Moved Len Baxter/Jeph Burton that the GPA submission had adequately represented the view of the meeting – carried. Warwick Wild expressed his opposition to this dam as he felt that it compromised the flow of the Equitus Brook.

Mobile Phone Tower – Telstra had indicated that they would not proceed with the proposed tower at the bottom of Reserve Road because of conditions imposed by Main Roads. GPA had supported refusal of application but stressed to Council that a new site had to be found asap. We had been assured by Telstra that money was available for the Tower and it would go ahead when suitable site was found.

Distillery – Berry Road – submission put in as per last meeting. An Open Day had been held to inform neighbours but didn't really explain too much. Much of the equipment has already been installed. A desalination plant has been put in and a diesel fuel pump installed. If necessary GPA will attend a Council Meeting to support our submission.

Computer Courses – First Click Grant has been obtained – two parallel courses will start on 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July running for 6 weeks. Gidgenet has offered free dial up service for one month to all participants.

Differential Rates – GPA and Don Robertson have both put in submissions. To be circulated to Councillors.

Grading of Road edges – We have asked City to look at this.

**2.Treasurer's Report:** Balance at Bank \$630.25

It was moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted L. Baxter/W. Wild – carried.

### **3. Correspondence:**

IN

City re. White Lines

ODP 148 – Lot 55 Reen Road

Urban Growth Policy

Proposed Extractive Industry – Lots 1,2 and 11 Toodyay Road

Townsite

Proposed Telecommunications Infrastructure Lot 148 Reserve Road

Proposed Dam and Aquaculture Facility Lot 69 Berry Road

Proposed Retrospective Planning Consent Extension of Existing soak Lot 800 Old Coach Rd East

Sue Johnston re. Gidge Reserve

Jan Pittman re. apologies and Reen Road junction

Don Robertson submission on rates

Experience Gidgegannup Newsletter

SPA Minutes

SVPA various

OUT

City re. White lines

Re. Proposed Dam and Aquaculture Facility Lot 69 Berry Road

Re. Notification of Groups re. Development Approvals

Proposed Change of Use Distillery – Lot 29 531 Berry Road

Deputation re. Rural Street Numbering

Deputation re. Proposed Telecommunications Facility – Lot 148 Reserve Rd.

Re. Street Signs and numbering in Gidgegannup

Re. Lot 1, 2 and 11 Toodyay Road Extractive Industry

Re. Differential Rates

Telstra re. Phone Towers

Inward Correspondence Accepted, Outward endorsed proposed A. Lockwood/L. Baxter – carried.

#### **Business Arising:**

White Lines – Reserve Road will not be considered as we do not have sufficient traffic. Line will be put down middle of Stoneville Road next financial year on upgrade.

ODP Lot 148 Reen Road – approved with conditions

Submission re. Hanson's extension – have asked for environmental conditions to be upheld, dust on road to be addressed, possibility of Bridle ways through linking Swan Valley to Gidgegannup.

Retrospective Application for extension of a soak Lot 800 Old Coach Road East – A soak had been cleaned and enlarged – adjacent bridle path has apparently had to be shored up. Moved Len Baxter/Mary Davis ask City when a soak becomes a dam and if this excavation complies with Dams Policy – carried.

An ODP has gone to the City re. subdivision around the Townsite with an offer to contribute substantially to the bringing of water to the townsite. Felt an overall Local Area Plan was

needed including commercially and light industrial zoned land and possibly provision of another school and recreational facilities. Would need extensive public consultation.

Sue Johnston reported that there were still problems with hoons at the Gidge Oval and concerns re. piles to be burnt. Reported to City for their action.

Jan Pitman had expressed concern re. deceleration lane from Toodyay Road into Reen Road – Sally to follow up with Main Roads.

Re. Rural Street Numbering – GPA had suggested to City that street signs should have run of street numbering under them e.g. 1-2000, 2000-1 to assist emergency services etc. Numbers will not now be on pickets but displayed prominently on properties – those properties renumbered some 10 years ago will not be renumbered.

#### **4. General Business:**

Recreation/Gidgegannup Reserves: Bill Karoll expressed his disappointment at the development at the Recreation Club. It was explained that the GPA supported the multi purpose Courts development as recreational facilities were needed in Gidgegannup and it was felt preferable that all sporting facilities should be in one area. The option of buying the land behind the Rec. Club would have been desirable but financially not viable. Concerns expressed about weeds and dieback on the Reserves particularly 2145. A Draft Management Plan was produced some years ago but not implemented. GPA to write to City re. this and possibility of separating the two Reserves to fence off much of the die back affected areas. Felt also then that Recreation Club would be able to administer their leased land and Friends of the Reserve, Reserve 2145. This would avoid conflicts of interest and protection of Reserve 2145.

BMX Course – Judy Fletcher suggested need for a BMX track for young people. A discussion took place and it was generally felt that the insurance problems would be an issue. It was suggested that interested parents form a group, become incorporated and approach City re. feasibility. If land could be set aside at either the Recreation Reserve or the Showgrounds, group could then raise funds and build a course and obtain their own public liability insurance.

Lights at Reserve Road/Toodyay Road junction – Fred Evans raised this issue and said junction did not conform to Australian Standards. GPA to write to main roads and City. Felt that if Toodyay Road could not be improved with deceleration lanes and upgrades to parts of it, then speed limit should be dropped.

Suggested that Showgrounds could be improved with grassed area. Gidgegannup is uninviting for tourists wanting to picnic in the town and use the electric bbqs provided. This need is supported in the Strategy and Action Plan out for comment. GPA to support the Strategy and Action Plan moved Bill Karoll/Allan Lockwood – carried.

**5. Closure of Meeting:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm. The next meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2006 preceded by the AGM at 7.30 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall, Gidgegannup. Subscription renewals will be required for all members.