

**THE GIDGEGANNUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (INC.)**

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2008 AT 7.30PM AT THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HALL, OLD TOODYAY ROAD, GIDGEGANNUP.

**PRESENT:** Sally Block (CHAIR)  
Michelle Zimmel (SECRETARY)

Peter and Jean Jensen, John Mangini, Sue and George Johnston, Len Baxter, Don Robertson, Mary Davis, Jan Pittman, Ian Stannard, Pamela Prudham, Fred Evans, Bill Karoll, Rick Marshall, Vicki Hamersley, Allan Lockwood, Jeph Burton, Mark Turner.

**VISITORS:** Charlie Zannino (Swan – Gidgegannup Ward Councillor)

**APOLOGIES:** Kingsley Hebiton, Annaliese and Jozsef Deak, Dave Reid, Debra Marshall

**1. MINUTES**

MOTION that the Minutes of GPA Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 be accepted. Don Robertson/Peter Jensen. Unanimously carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**BRIGADOON ODP**

BPA succeeded in winning Commonwealth support for deferral of plans for public comment, due to development proposal being viewed as endangerment to local cockatoo species.

**RATES**

A mini-info expo is to be held 10th September, 2008 in Gidgegannup by City of Swan. Details to be confirmed.

**HANSON PER**

Another meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 to answer queries that will have arisen from the PER document. Very large document, vague with many maybes, non-specific as to important details. Concerns about time frame of pit and license renewal, traffic, location of equipment, neighbour setbacks and use of neighbouring properties to provide buffer zones, general unprofessional and unacceptably vague terminology. GPA will respond. Concerns raised about pit visibility from Toodyay Rd, coastal plain, neighbouring residents, dust, heavy traffic, quarry life and license for 100 years, enormous area of the quarry, expansion of stockpile, lack of acknowledgement for changing community sentiment, clearing of bushland, assumption that neighbouring properties would provide buffer zones, permanent alteration of the landscape, debris on Toodyay Rd, inadequate dieback and environmental surveys, imminence of Boral pit, possibility of a superpit. GPA to submit a report prior to 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 deadline.

**TEEWANA**

First Community Reference Group meeting being held 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2008. Comments on short notice and untimely, with the Boral Public Meeting in the morning of the same day. Several members unable to attend due to weekend courses.

**PORT BOUVARD**

Port Bouvard/SMR complained about GPA minutes recording public opinion of their meetings/forums. GPA has responded, but no reply forthcoming.

## **WITCHCLIFFE**

Further to information provided by Chris Jackson, GPA had contacted the CEO of Augusta/Margaret River Council (moving to Kalamunda end of July), Geoff Board (planner undertaking the district structure plan confirmed that Proposed development not to be reticulated scheme water, only trickle main as a backup, water to be possibly obtained from local river, 2000 residents, blocks to 500m<sup>2</sup>, on site rainfall tanks aim to reduce demand for scheme water by 50%. Developers also involved in Chittering townsite development will provide GPA with information without disclosing patents. There is urgent need to investigate all options and share information as we all are faced by imminent development. Bullsbrook have also undertaken their place planning process. Question raised about the disposal of sewerage so close to local drinking water source.

## **EMRC WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

No reply received from letter written by GPA.

## **LACK OF TOODYAY ROAD DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE TO GIDGEGANNUP**

MRD no response. Previous comment that Gidgegannup did not merit signage and would create a precedent.

## **INTHANOONA ROAD**

Discussion with Wendy Griffiths confirmed a subdivisional application for 9 properties and would connect both end of Inthanoona Road. Existing traffic metered at 184 vehicle movements per day. No date set for works. Traffic calming devices deemed inappropriate as traffic volume would be controlled by road capacity. It was asked how a road capacity could control traffic movements. Noted that tree islands had been retained in the middle of the road. Believed that opening the road will improve access for fire brigades. COS would be asked to install traffic counting device so that vehicle movement numbers could be updated. Blocks from the proposed subdivision had already been advertised for sale.

## **STANLEY ROAD**

Proposal to close has been lodged on local Fire Management Plan since 1990. Speed limit was not defined, absence of signage, assumption of unrestricted speed limit. Definition of built up area based on local area's average building density. Junction of Stanley and Toodyay Rd very dangerous, needs similar works as was done for Country/Toodyay Rd t-junction. Accidents have occurred. GPA would write to COS and Main Roads asking for traffic re-count, t-junction works.

## **BORAL MEETING**

First Stakeholder's Reference Group meeting to be held 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008 and Public Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2008. GPA has lodged questions.

## **2. TREASURER'S REPORT – LEN BAXTER**

As tabled at the AGM. Bank balance closing at 30.6.2008 \$ 7708.30.

Invoices to be paid JOHN WHITE \$ 3300.00 (BMX track works )  
LES ORMSBY \$ 2430.00 (BMX track works)  
COMMUNITY WEBSITE \$ 820.00

Moved report accepted and invoices paid Len Baxter/D. Robertson – unanimously carried.

### **NEW MEMBERS PROPOSED**

Annaleise and Jozsef Deak. - Confirmed Bill Karoll/John Mangini. Unanimously accepted.

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE IN;**

Hanson PER

Teewana – correspondence re meeting

Boral – correspondence re meeting

Dept of Education re Adult community education

COS OMC 23.7.2008 – proposal to address management of commercial vehicle parking and transport depots

COS OMC 2.7.2008 – request permanent closure of Gogulger Stock Route Strategic Plan 2008-12

COS – re BMX track

COS – re Inthanoona Road

Resident – re accident on Toodyay Rd

MRD – re Toodyay Rd and accident in response to our email

Shire of Augusta/Margaret River responding to our email re Witchcliffe development

BPA - re Commonwealth Referral

Resident - re Telstra

Telstra – re our email complaining about landlines and suggesting meeting

COS – re white lines on Stoneville Rd

Peter Jensen – re GP superclinics

COS – re information sessions on rates 10.9.2008

Graham Gifford – re wishing to make contact with GPA

Stoneville PA – re proposal to form the Eastern Hills Progress and RatePayers Assoc

Hanson Minutes of Meeting

EMRC – re Red Hill waste management facility Annual Monitoring and Compliance Report

EMRC – re rubbish on Toodyay Rd and quarrying in response to our email

### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

Boral – list of questions and comments

Port Bouvard – re minutes of GPA meetings

MRD – re signage to Gidgegannup

Judi Moylan – re Orange Route timetable

COS – re white lines on Stoneville Rd

Minister – re petition and Gidgegannup development

COS – re petition and Gidgegannup development

Submission - re EMRC Strategic Plan for the Future 2008/09-2013/14

Submission – re Draft State Planning Policy 3.6

Inward correspondence accepted and outward correspondence endorsed. Bill Karoll/John Mangini. Unanimously carried.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **GOGULGER STOCK ROUTE**

Closure request refused as this would limit access to future subdivisions.

#### **TOODYAY ROAD**

Minister and Main Roads have been emailed regarding fatal accident opposite Hanson's Quarry reminding them that Gpa have been complaining about this road surface for the past ten years.

Main Roads have now roughed up the road surface outside Hanson entrance, also installation of temporary “slow down” and “beware – skid/loss of traction”. Hanson looking at installation of drain at their entrance to prevent water flowing across Toodyay Rd. Also two observations of large amount of water seeping from the embankment at the ruins car bay resulting in significant flow across Toodyay Rd. GPA to write to COS and Main Roads..

### **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING AND TRANSPORT DEPOTS**

Item at Council Meeting being held 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008.

### **MINSTER FOR EDUCATION**

Calling for suggestions as to how adults in the local community could be benefitted by education programs.

### **STONEVILLE ROAD WHITE LINES**

Extension of road works to Lakeview Drive t-junction to be completed in 2008/09. Line marking would be done to both new sections after the second section was completed.

### **GP SUPERCLINICS**

Peter Jensen attended the meeting to discuss underfunding of health systems. Identified problems in Midland and Wanneroo, each to be allocated \$10 million to develop facilities in addition to those existing locally. Proposed to offer multi-discipline, GP services, be privately run, included other health providers (child, post natal, indigenous health, mental health), associated services, training. Meeting conveners wanted a “wish-list” for services most wanted, ideas where to locate. Meeting was well run by Creative Communities (Teewana Consultants). Further public meetings to be held August 2008.

Intention by end September 2008 to put bid out to local contractors to commence 2009. Midland facility to possibly be located near the railway workshops so as to be accessible by public transport. Local Swan Hospital has two GPs available 7 – 10pm after hours service. Suggestion also that a night opening pharmacy was needed.

### **COS RATES INFORMATION MEETING**

To be held 10.9.2008 6.30 – 8.30pm at the Agricultural Hall and would discuss UV and GRV rating and other issues – notify Trish McCourt if a particular issues is to be raised.

### **GRAHAM GIFFARD (Labour candidate Swan Hills)**

Had contacted GPA and has been informed as to when GPA meetings are held so that he may attend.

### **STONEVILLE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

SPA proposed to establish the Eastern Hills Progress and Rate Payers Association with meetings to be held monthly. Have suggested we have enough meetings to attend, better to correspond by email.

### **EMRC ANNUAL REPORT AND MONITORING**

Bill Karroll offered to review the document.

## **EMRC**

Contacted Adam Johnson regarding Toodyay Rd rubbish. Proposal to use prisoners is temporarily stalled pending Justice Dept safety arrangements. Allan Lockwood and Billand other locals collected rubbish last Saturday and will be doing it again 23August, 2008. Public welcome, will be provided with fluoro vest.

EMRC also noted State Government has frozen the landfill levy on inert waste (one of the key drivers to encourage concrete crushing for aggregate). This results in concrete waste being put in landfill rather than recycled, crushed and used as road base. This would diminish need for quarrying and is undertaken in the Eastern States and to a lesser degree in WA. Suggested that GPA write to Minister supporting EMRC wish to recycle. All accepted.

## **4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **DEVELOPMENT IN GIDGEGANNUP**

Chris Jackson had suggested that GPA needed to listen to the community concerned about Environment, Water, Population Density. Called for comments from attendees. Suggestion that advertisement be made in Gidgegram calling for submissions from community members. GPA needs to know how to help, but people don't attend meetings. What questions to ask of developers, authorities. Difficult to know how to comment until a draft plan is available. Likely no decisions to developers until Swan Hills Place Plan revisited in 2009.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Comment that wetlands outside the Reserve need protection, water courses, ridge lines, 12 month flora and fauna surveys, get community involved in logging flora and fauna observations. Bill Karoll to coordinate.

**SCHEME WATER:** Other developers and Councils being contacted for details of alternatives. City of Cottesloe collecting all stormwater and piping into local aquifers.

**POPULATION DENSITY:** Recent letter suggested how lot numbers around the townsite could be reduced to 1000 rather than 1900 lots, impact on landscape corridors, COS to re-visit Place Plan in 2009. Read letter detailing these issues hand delivered to Alannah McTiernan. Cr. Zannino suggested that focus needs to be on lot size rather than population numbers as this will determine water and sewerage issues. Need more information about Witchcliffe and other developments and pass this onto State and Local Govt. Proposed to organize a meeting with Developers of Witchcliffe, continue dialogue with Augusta/Margaret River Shire. Suggestions that POS needs to be 10% and exclude creeklines, wetlands and setbacks to prevent degradation by public use, subdivisions to be provided with numerous smaller parks rather than one big park. Bill Karoll asked to investigate wetlands and Reserve as to origin of water in flow. Vicki Hamersley asked Cr. Zannino of COS proposals for high density apartment style developments – max 5 – 6 storeys, provision of local affordable housing, access to public transport.

Confirmed opinion that Port Bouvard community consultation was selective and exclusive. COS should hold these type of meetings, which would be more effective and accurate by accessibility to all local residents.

### **TELSTRA**

Meeting held with Lloyd Morley. Many complaints about landline reliability, quality. Mobile phone tower works flagged to commence September 2008. This will serve only Next G not GSM As discussed.

## **WEST GIDGEGANNUP VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE**

AGM has taken place and committee places all filled.

## **NORTH GIDGEGANNUP RURAL WATCH**

Approx 20 residents attended the first meeting with Paul McComish – Toodyay Police. Suggestion that other locals establish their own groups as there is funding available, good support and interest from Toodyay Police. Keep it local and based on a common theme. NGRR coordinator is Jean Jensen. Suggestion that Reen Rd/Reserve Rd residents establish their own chapter.

## **SMALL FARM FIELD DAY**

Debrief meeting will be held 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2008.

## **LOTS 1 AND 3 TOODYAY ROAD -TOWNSITE PROPERTY**

Application to re-zone Lots 1 and 3 and residential lot to commercial has been lodged with COS. Likely no decision before COS revisits Gidge Place Plan in 2009. Owner hoping to develop an IGA. Cr. Zannino asked to query why no notification in Newspapers re. this application. Application was for re-zoning only, not as an ODP. Current zoning is General Rural with Special Use dispensation. All agreed that consent to re-zoning would set undesirable precedent. GPA to write to City.

## **ORANGE ROUTE**

State Government has said cost for bypass to townsite would cost \$11mn. Developers not prepared to pay this cost and neither will State Government.

## **RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO GPA**

Cost remains at \$10. Len Baxter taking receipts tonight.

## **5. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.10pm. Next General Meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall, Gidgegannup.