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Next Meetings: 19th July, 2010 (AGM) at 7.00 pm followed by a talk/question and answer session re. the rates from the City at the Agricultural Society Hall, Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup.

AGM: The AGM will be held at 7.00 pm. All Committee seats are up for nomination. If you wish to nominate a GPA member for any of the positions please forward your nomination to The Secretary, GPA, P.O. Box 66, Gidgegannup 6083.

Order of Business will be:

- Minutes of the Meeting of 20th July, 2009
- Treasurer's Report and Accounts
- Chairperson's Report
- Election of Officers.
- Any Other Business

Perth Hills Planning Bill: The Hon Alison Xamon, MLC gave a presentation on the Bill and a timetable for its presentation to Parliament. The feeling of the Meeting was that, although we agree that the Hills area needs to be protected, it is also important to protect people's property rights. We will be seeking a State Planning Policy to protect the Hills, but feel that the Perth Hills Planning Bill is an important step to achieve this object.

Proposed Rezoning from 'General Rural' to 'Special Rural' several lots between Reen and Reserve Roads: This application to amend Local Planning Scheme (LPS) 17 so that these properties are rezoned from 'General Rural' to 'Special Rural' is causing some concern from surrounding residents.

This amendment is intended to fulfil the recommendation of the Council and WAPC endorsed Gidgegannup Rural Strategy ('the Strategy') for the sub-division and development of the subject sites. The Strategy was endorsed by Council in November 2004 and by the WAPC in July 2006.

Under the Strategy the subject lots have been identified within the "Rural Small Holdings" Precinct as have several other areas in Gidgegannup. This is intended to facilitate sub-division and development for rural living purposes with a minimum lot size of 4 ha and an average of 6 ha. This sub-division and development was intended to be based on a comprehensive local structure plan or outline development plan, which was possible under the 'General Rural' zoning of TPS9.

Affected Landowners attended the Meeting and it appears that this is not quite as straightforward as it first appears. The OMC of 24th November 2004 recommended that all properties proposed to be zoned "Rural Small Holdings" North of the Toodyay Road should not be rezoned. A Motion was then put that five properties should remain in the Rural Small Holding precinct north of the Toodyay Road. It appears that some of the landowners of these five properties did not wish for this zoning and had put in submissions objecting to the zoning. They were not consulted on or

informed as to the result of the Motion. They are extremely concerned as to their situation now and the GPA's submission reflected these concerns.

Differential Rates: The GPA made a submission regarding the Rates expressing the community's concerns at yet more rises in utilities for residents to have to face. We also queried the equity of the Gidgegannup Rural rate with the Swan Valley Rural rate.

Trail Bikes: Still more reports of trail bikes causing a nuisance in various areas of Gidgegannup. If these bikes are a nuisance report them to the City on 9267 9267, stating time and place. There has been some success recently with reports both to the City and police and more of these trail bike riders are being caught.

Senior's Fuel Card: Our MLA, Frank Alban, attended the meeting and the topic of the Fuel Card was raised. None have been issued in the Metropolitan Area. The related issue of public transport was raised as well and again it was queried if the community would wish to have a bus. The view of the meeting was that a Senior's Fuel Card would be preferable. We will also explore any possible bus services that can be provided.

Roads: Several issues arose regarding roads mainly being deceleration lanes on various turnings and the new road markings at the Neumann Road intersection. We will be contacting Main Roads and also seeing if we can get a representative along to one of our meetings to hear the views of residents.

Rural Numbering: It seems that the City is not prepared to make the expenditure to pay for Numbers for new properties. We will now be asking that Developers are required to foot the bill for numbers for new subdivisions as this is essential for emergency services.

Refuse/Recycling Survey: We have been communicating with the City re. household refuse and recycling collection services for Gidgegannup residents. The City have come up with some options and we feel that the most equitable way to get the community's views is by a survey and will be suggesting this to the City.

Tourism Event Board: Funds have been provided in the Budget for a Tourism Event Board and the GPA, Agricultural Society and Experience Gidgegannup will be meeting with the City re. design etc.

Watercourse Signage: Funds have also been made available for signage on bridges naming the water course they traverse.

If you wish for more information please attend our meetings and if you wish, become a member.