

Minutes of St Augustine's Community Together Residents' Association (ACT) meeting held on 11 June 2015 at St Augustine's Hall, Norwich.

1. Present: the attendance register was circulated. There were 20 in attendance, including ACT committee members: Nick Hall (Chair), Stuart McLaren (Secretary & Treasurer) and Lyn Honeywood Hall (Fund-raising & Events). Local businesses represented at the meeting: Coleman Opticians and Trends Hair.
2. Apologies: Alan Camina (ACT Vice-Chair), Heather English (David English Dentists), PCSO Claire Gould, Lucy Hall (Norwich CoHousing), Carrie Sant (ACT Community Engagement).
3. Nick Hall took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting, including new member, the Rev David Austin (vicar of St Augustine's & St Luke's), guest speaker, Rowan Van Tromp of Norwich Food Cycle, and Councillors Richard Bearman and Simeon Jackson.
4. Minutes of the last meeting (19 March 2015) were accepted.
5. Matters arising:
  - 5a: Norwich CoHousing has completed purchase of site at 72 Sussex Street, where it intends to build 17 apartments.
  - 5b: the developers of the site at 161 Oak Street had received outline planning consent to build 27 dwellings.
  - 6b: there would be a delay installing No Cycling notices in St Augustine's Street due to stretched resources and the Council's highways works elsewhere.
  - 6c: the Council's proposal to make the Leonards Street car park part of the St Augustine's Parking Zone was working through some legal issues (Cllr Jackson reported). It was suggested that ACT puts a notice round to residents in the area once a more definite timetable was known.
  - 7b: HGVs using St Augustine's Street - ACT Secretary, Stuart McLaren, reported that the Council had informed him that there were no restrictions on the movements of HGVs on this street, which was designated an "A" road.
6. Car Club. The Council was proposing to make one of the permit parking spaces on south side of Sussex Street near the junction with St Augustine's Street into a car club bay. Several views on this: the car club idea is a good one in terms of convenience and sustainability; the location chosen was too close to the junction, which was already congested; it was not a good idea to remove a permit parking space, which were already under pressure; could the bay be moved elsewhere, such as to Aylsham Road or to the short-stay area at the west end of Sussex Street. It was agreed the ACT Secretary would summarise opinions expressed at the meeting and submit them to the Council
7. Rowan Van Tromp spoke on the Norwich Food Cycle project. They are looking for groups in our area to distribute wholesome, non-perishable food stuffs that had been disposed of by retailers as having past their sell-by dates. A number of local groups such as the Monday and Thursday Clubs at St Augustine's Hall were suggested.
8. Announcements: the Revd David Austin's inauguration service will be held at St Luke's church on 27 June, from 2.30 p.m. All were welcome to attend. Date of the next ACT meeting: 17 September 2015. [Subsequently rescheduled to 24 October.]