

LIDL – IT’S NOT OVER YET

Lidl’s second application for permission to build a supermarket on the land presently occupied by the Rose and Crown and St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Centre was approved in principle by the Council’s Planning Committee on April 12th. A lot of people have said to us that they thought that was the end of the matter but we would like to say that it definitely is not, and here’s why:

First of all, the planning approval is not formally approved straight away because there is a lot of detail that Lidl has to agree with the Council, but this may have happened by the time this newsletter appears. Then, most of the residents who attended the planning meeting felt that the way the decision-making process was carried out was open to question and the CRA has issued formal complaints to the Council about this. The CRA can additionally challenge the actual decision by demonstrating that it did not comply with, for instance, local planning policies and we are presently seeking legal opinion on the substantial case we have.

In case all that is not enough, if we go back in time, you will recall that Lidl’s first application for a slightly larger store was turned down last year. Lidl appealed against the decision which means that a public inquiry will be held at which an independent Planning Inspector has to decide on whether the Council decision was correctly made. This will take place in September and will last for four days. The CRA will represent Chellaston’s interests at the inquiry, which will be open for anyone to attend.

Finally, the Rose and Crown is still listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) and as such, the community still has an opportunity to make a bid to run it as a community pub. We are currently discussing possibilities with backers but we are very interested in talking to anyone who might wish to get involved with this project.



It will come as no surprise that the CRA is being kept extremely busy with this particular campaign. We don’t mind that, but our biggest problem is this – to take things to the next stage, we need to engage professional and legal help which will have to be paid for. We have come a long way over the last three years and we think a lot of people would be disappointed if we stopped now. But we cannot do it without raising the funds needed. So, once again, if you care about Chellaston, its traffic problems, the safety of schoolchildren and all the other things that will be affected by Lidl’s plan, we need to ask for your help, in the following ways:

- Donate through our website www.chellaston.org.uk
- Join the “100 Club” – a monthly draw with over £80 in prizes, only £1 per week
100club@chellastonmatters.co.uk
- Support our fundraisers such as the Car Wash event.

Every little helps and we will be pleased to receive anything you can spare to continue the campaign.

You can post donations to Chellaston Residents’ Association, 6 Wimbourne Close, DE73 6TW.

CHELLASTON ACTION GROUP

The Action Group has continued to improve the High Street by giving attention to the planters (pictured) and various beds including the one at the bottom of School Lane. There has been significant work done on weeding and planting and it has not been an easy job because the soil quality is not particularly good.



The Action Group meets about once a month for 2 hours and if you would like to help us to improve Chellaston, please get in touch at info@chellaston.org.uk.



The CRA successfully applied for a grant from the Central Midlands Co-operative Society Community Dividend Fund to purchase a cordless lawnmower and strimmer to help carry out projects. The presentation of the award and pictures will feature in a future Chellastons Choice magazine, where we write a page of local information each month.



SPIRIT OF CHELLASTON EVENT

Yet another brilliant day.

Despite a damp start the weather did not interrupt yet another great Community Day, in fact over the whole day it was possibly the best attended to date.



Very many thanks to all the 40 plus stall holders, made up from numerous Community Groups/Societies/Businesses who pulled together to make it so successful.

Special thanks to all the stage performers, The Infant School choir, Chellaston Academy music department, The Community Choir, Churches Together and Laurie's School of Dance and, of course, not forgetting Rammie and Lambie.

Planning for next year has already started and the actual date will be announced shortly. We hope that this special community event will continue to thrive and with your support we are sure it will.

The CRA chocolate tombola was a great success. It managed to keep going for the whole time, unlike last year when all the chocolate melted by two o'clock and we had to abandon the stall.

Many thanks to the Event Team, whose hard work throughout the year, puts the whole thing together.



More photographs can be found on the Spirit Of Chellaston Facebook page.