

## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The Parish Meeting held to discuss the proposals to develop approximately three acres of land between Valley Lane and Middlefield Drive as a car park and for recreation was attended by 51 parishioners - a little more than 10% of the parish electorate.

Colin Hart from Mid Suffolk District Council Architect's department described the proposals and said that the Architect's department would be acting as "developer" if the scheme went ahead. He spoke of the process of obtaining approval for the proposals including the submission of an outline planning application by his department.

Public discussion commenced on the subject of the car park. If it was to be sited as in the proposals, the need of vehicular access through Middlefield Drive was questioned and will be taken up with the Planning Department. It was also thought that at times there may be a conflict between the needs of Pettward Hall users (the prime purpose of the car park) and the users of the recreation facilities. A suggestion that the car park be situated on the open land in front of Middlefield Drive was made. Such a central position would encourage multi-purpose use, it being within reasonable distance from the Hall, recreation facilities and the Primary School and right next to the village shop and post office. A number of people, including Mr. Hart, expressed reservations about the intrusion of a car park in the village centre.

The proposal that attracted most comment was the all-weather hard surface including floodlighting. Several people questioned the need for floodlighting as this would tend to draw in outside users when the objective was to provide facilities for parishioners. A simple hard surface without floodlights seemed to be favoured. The possible need for changing facilities was also pointed out. It was suggested that the Recreation & Amenities Officer come and talk to those interested in setting up and managing the recreation facilities - about 10 parishioners expressed an interest in attending such a meeting.

Colin Hart said that the development of the Mews Court site of 15 dwellings would be closely controlled by the District Council.

The further piece of land shown on the diagram delivered to all residents as "Conservation area" was discussed and a variety of uses mentioned.

The meeting seemed to accept the general concept of the proposals with most concern shown about the proposed hard surface with floodlighting and agreed to take up the points concerning the site of the car park and vehicular access and to invite Mr. Nicholls to consider management of the facilities.

PLAYGROUP

Vacancies

A supervisor and assistant supervisor are required for the Great Finborough Playgroup for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning sessions. Qualifications are not essential but an interest in following the P.P.A. course would be welcomed.

For further information please contact Rosemarie Green on Stow. 674130 or Fiona Mountford on Stow. 678534.

PRIZE BINGO

The October Prize Bingo session will be held on Wednesday, 18th commencing at 7pm and proceeds will be for the Tuesday Club. Please come along and give them your support.

Hilary Smith

ST.ANDREWS MINI-LOTTO

Prize winners are as follows:

22nd Aug (094) Mrs.J.Fisher, Boundary Cottages  
(203) Mrs.D.Podmore, Middlefield Drive

29th Aug (077) Mr.P.Twitchett, Woolpit  
(146) Mrs.A.Green, The Bungalows

5th Sept (116) Mrs.J.Turner, Cottesmore, Oakham, Leics.  
(182) Mrs.P.Barrell, The Bungalows

12th Sept (188) Mrs.A.Skinner, Middlefield Drive  
(214) Mrs.M.Fordham, Westward Ho

The sum of £7.85 has been added each week to Church funds.

Hilary Smith

PARISH DIARY FOR OCTOBER 1989

Thurs 5th Candlestick Club, Pettward Hall 7.15pm  
Mon 16th DEADLINE for November edition material  
Weds 18th Prize Bingo, Pettward Hall 7pm  
Fri 20th Primary School half term commences  
Mon 30th School term resumes

**St Andrews Parish Church**

*From the Registers*

2nd: David Crook & Julie Overton - married. 16th: Russell Kent & Julie Neal - married

*Calendar for October*

1st: Sung Eucharist at 11; 15th: Morning Prayer at 11; 22nd: Holy Communion at 9.45; 29th: Benefice Communion at 10.30 at Onehouse.

Wendy and I would like to thank the many kind people, by no means all churchgoers, who contributed to the superb music system we were presented with at our Silver Wedding celebration in church on the 10th. It was quite unexpected, and deeply appreciated. Michael Skliros.



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