

SNBA. Minutes of the Meeting on 6th July 2009.

Present: Rosanne Berry, Anne Wilkinson, Sarah Graham, Ricky Catwell, Fae Graham, Guy Smith, and Cllr Rita Krishna.

Apologies were received from Michael Sinclair, Hamdy Shahein Ian Aarons, Julian Korosec and Bridget Pedgrift.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting** of 6th June 2009 were approved.
2. **Follow-up to meeting with Chris Dransfield, Neighbourhood Renewal Manager.** Chris confirmed in writing what was discussed at the meeting and also confirmed that the sign for the Car Park should have been done by 12th June.
3. **New map proposal** – Several businesses had received a visit from someone intending to produce a new map of Stoke Newington and asking for £300 per quarter to participate and advertise, with an introductory rate of £200. It seems that he would not be providing anything better than our own map proposal, and therefore it was resolved to make as much progress with our own map as possible. It was felt that we should target areas like Tottenham, Dalston and Newington Green, where there are few shops like ours and plenty of customers who would come to SN.
4. **Re-development of Car Park behind Wilmer Place** – Rosanne was contacted by Androula, who runs the dress-making business at 195 S N High Street, as she has been given a notice of termination of her lease after 30 years. It seems the owners of the large private car park beyond the Council car park in Wilmer Place have sold the whole area to a Spanish property developer and they are intending to demolish several shops on the High Street and build a new housing development as far back as Abney Park (application no. 2009/1264). This will include 61 residential units, a possible nursery or health centre, some small business units and offices, with only 7 parking spaces. It was agreed that the Business Association would object to the development because it will mean serious parking problems for customers, businesses, visitors and residents alike. Also, we felt that the proposed new development on the High Street would not conform to the requirements of the Conservation Area, which all other businesses are subject to. It was agreed that Anne would draft a letter on behalf of the Business Association, with approval from Rosanne and Rita, and that other committee members would also write independently.
5. **Date of next meeting** – 4th August 2009, at 6.15 at the Daniel Defoe.