

## **RCV Newsletter April 2022**

### **Development of Bath Gasworks**

I have had a long conversation with Creatrix PR who work for Developers of the gasworks site St William. This was in response to a message passed from the developers offering to meet with RCV and at the same time generously inviting us to ask for some support for our June party. I spent some time arguing the case for a public meeting where questions could be asked and reliable answers given. At present we can expect another consultation event some time in May but have no idea what form it might take. Many people came away from the last consultation with differing messages. We certainly must avoid this 'Chinese whispers' syndrome this time.

As you know our main concerns are the lack of a community space and traffic access to the site. We'll let you know as soon as we hear anything from Creatrix.

### **Yellow Lines**

For differing reasons the yellow lines for Stothert Avenue South side and Midland Rd will be some time coming. You might find it difficult to believe that Crest dispatched a lining crew to Midland Rd on March 23rd without making any provision for ensuring the road was clear. The result is the random collection of lines you can see today. Presumably there is a plan somewhere for sorting this out. We will continue to press Crest on the matter.

The Stothert Ave case is more straightforward: these lines will have to wait until after the road has been adopted by the Council. This will entail some bureaucracy including a Traffic Regulation Order.

### **Improving the Landscape**

Many residents have felt that our greenspaces could be improved, particularly in Elizabeth Park. Pinnacle Manager Francesca Hill has organised an outdoor walking meeting to take place next month with the head of Landscape Services to review what should and could be done. If you have ideas about what should be done in the way of planting, please let us know and we will pass it on.

### **What Dogs Do**

Winter seems to bring on a great increase in observed dog mess on all surfaces – not just in the park. Many people feel that the rule about keeping dogs on a lead is more honoured in the breach than the observance, and that more use of leads would lead to more effective supervision of dogs and less mess. One resident (who is a dog-owner) became so frustrated with the issue that they organised a meeting with Pinnacle and invited RCV to attend. We all agreed that most dog owners were responsible people, but some needed to be reminded of their responsibilities. Pinnacle Manager Francesca suggested reminding dog owners with the installation of appropriate signage at both ends of Elizabeth Park. This will happen in due course.

### **EV Charging Update**

You will know that RCV Committee member Joseph Thompson has done considerable work on the possibility of installing electrical vehicle chargers (see his report at [www.riversidecommunityvoice/news](http://www.riversidecommunityvoice/news) ). Unfortunately Crest Nicholson seems to have lost interest in the matter – possibly because their priority at present is to complete their to-do list as soon as

possible and show Bath Western Riverside a clean pair of heels. I have written to MD Ralph Hawkins requesting that the matter be expedited but received no reply. I will continue to press him as this should be a zero cost item to Crest costing them only their time, whilst providing a useful amenity to EV drivers in Riverside.

In the meantime residents who have cars at the western end of the parking garage will have noticed the 7kw charger neatly installed on a pillar beside its parking space. On investigation we have found that the owners consulted Crest and Pinnacle and because the charger could be installed neatly and conveniently connected to the owners' consumer unit, both were happy to see it happen. We can't imagine, however, that this could be a common pattern for the future, mainly because of the technical problems involved in running the cable.

### **Membership Dues**

Treasurer William Hobhouse has written to all members who have not yet paid their membership dues. If you have not yet paid up and want to find out how to do it, please visit the website [www.riversidecommunityvoice.org.uk/contact](http://www.riversidecommunityvoice.org.uk/contact) We won't be bothering you with any further reminders on this issue.

### **Party in the Park 5<sup>th</sup> June**

A copy of the advertising poster for the party is attached. All residents are invited to our 'Party in the Park' which will be a BYO free event. The party will be declared open by Lady Margaret – reportedly a very distant relative of Her Majesty – who as good fortune would have it lives not far from Riverside – and the band 'Magpie and the Shiny Things' will provide the musical entertainment. We hope to see you there!

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