JESMOND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

JRA Committee Meeting Summary Wednesday 10th September 2025

Artisan Market – 13th September 2025
Agreed to cancel future Artisan Markets following the resignation from the committee by Eileen Strouzer and the passing of Aldo Spagnoli who were key in starting the market.

Treasurers Report
Current Balance £6,821.

ASB
Due to staggered term times between Newcastle University and Northumbria University the two Freshers Weeks are one after the other. BP is trying to find out from the Police if Operation Oak will be run on a daily basis during the Freshers Weeks as has happened in the past. *Post Meeting Note: Confirmation from the Police that Operation Oak would run daily during both Freshers Weeks has been received.*
The rubbish in the back lanes was noted.

Planning
There is an application for change of use from C3 residential to C4 HMO at 43 Queens Road. An objection to the planning application has been submitted.

Ashton Court, 27 Grosvenor Place, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE2 2RD Change of use from 13 bed HMO (Sui Generis) into 3 No. Flats (Class C3) with associated works. NCC has submitted an objection on behalf of the JRA as it would appear that the aim of the owner is to increase the number of HMO tenants in the building.

With reference to the application for change of use from change of use from a 6-bed HMO (Class C4) into a 8-bed HMO (Sui Generis) at 44 Larkspur Terrace. This was due to be considered by the planning committee on 29 August 2025. The committee report recommended refusal and the application was subsequently withdrawn.

Redevelopment of British Legion. An objection on behalf of the JRA has been submitted. It is likely this application will be determined by the Planning Committee.

16 Fern Avenue - Planning Appeal upheld the original decision to refuse approval for an increased number of tenants.

Licensing
The only live premises licence application is at Jesmond Library. We received the following note from the library:

> Hello Nils
> I have placed a notice on the library door advertising the fact that Friends of Jesmond Library have applied to the Council for a licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for live and recorded music, performance of plays and showing of films. These can be either day time or evening events and, if evening, no later than 22.00 which is timing for the Community Festival. It was suggested we include plays and films although there is nothing in the pipeline at present. There is no extra cost for including these and there would be no need to apply for a TEN.
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> Over the years, we have applied for TENs for each musical event (without complaint) but there is a limit to those numbers and we now have additional offers to perform.
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> We are definitely not introducing a bar in the library!

I am informing you of this just in case someone misunderstands what the application is for and contacts the JRA.

Regards
Catherine Walker
Trustee
Jesmond Library

AGM
We have arranged for a talk by Ouseburn Trust Project Manager - Paul Balmont
AGM arrangements to be publicised. **Wednesday 24 September 2025 at 7:00pm at the Cricket Club.**