

RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
AGM
BEECHES HOTEL
29th OCTOBER 2007

Present: about 30 residents

Present from the Committee:

John Turner [JHT]

Christine Girolomini [CMG]

Phil Lockett

Chris Fraser

Sally Gatheral [SG]

Tim McCormick [TM]

Irene Dunstan [ID]

Peter Walsh

Jean Minshull

Start 19:40

Chairman's Report - CMG

This has been a busy year for the committee, particularly in liaison with Freshwater about the Major Works. On the floodwall issues, it was noted that although we have heard nothing about compensation payments from Bruton Knowles for some time, we were expecting a letter in the next few days or weeks. [Confirmed by SG]

Communication with Rushcliffe BC has also been busy, both by letter and personal visit. Items discussed have included rats, the Embankment safety rail, dog-poo bins (no successful outcome yet), and the two main sources of irritating noise in Wilford Lane: a loose manhole cover and our neighbours at Trentside Club.

With Nottingham City Council we have discussed our objections to the proposed *Meadows Tower* project.

With Freshwater, the question of on-site parking difficulties is still being discussed in the hope that a new and better system will be designed.

The Summer Party was somewhat of a disappointment. If a party is organised next year we will learn from our mistakes.

Also importantly we have communicated with our fellow Residents, both on the Web site and by newsletter: for example to warn people that some of our water tanks are nearing their last days because of corrosion.

CMG is moving to Derby within the year so will not be standing for re-election to the Chair.

Treasurer's Report - ID

Irene presented the report [detailed separately]. It shows a balance of £653.68. From the floor Ray Butterworth pointed out that the report should have been available to members in advance of the meeting, a valid point agreed by the Committee. Marie Wilkins proposed thanks to the committee for their work over the past year.

Election of Officers: the following were nominated and elected unopposed

Chair: Ray Butterworth

Treasurer: Colin Troy

Secretary: John Turner

Vice-chair: Phil Lockett

Ordinary members: Marina Webster, Rose Heathfield, Jean Minshull, Peter Walsh.

Subscriptions

Proposed by Colin Troy, seconded by Ray Butterworth that subscriptions be £3 for the year. The motion was carried by a large majority.

Freshwater's Report

Mr Mott introduced the other guests: David Beale and Chris Hall of Freshwater; also Paul Chappell, surveyor, of Cooke Associates. Questions and points from the meeting were soon forthcoming.

[J. Button (42)] balcony rail not snagged (paint over rust).

[Several residents] New double glazed windows were misting up.

[Several residents] Window cleaning is difficult above ground floor. David Beale said that all the new ones are designed to be cleaned from inside the flat.

[Several residents] Car parking is difficult especially when works (e.g. floodwall, building works) were in progress. David Beale admitted that this is a contentious issue. All agreed that something must be done.

[David Beale] Sky TV is included in the Major Works, but provision of a dish within the "deal" was only for Harvard House. [Marilyn Ashwell,]: it would be good to remove aerials. A discussion followed on what scheme might be best value; agreement being limited to the point that more questions need to be asked of service suppliers (Sky, Virgin and any others). Meanwhile Sky have said that they can supply cabling to all three blocks with payment for one block first.

Garages: [David Mott]: there has been a lot of expensive work done so far. More is planned including secure parking for pedal cycles. [Ray Butterworth] good! Cycling should be encouraged.

Future of the shop: a retailer has come forward wishing to take over the shop (Londis). More news will come soon.

Major Works and the budget [David Mott]: the figure of £250,000 for Harvard had been set on the basis of the information available at the time. The quote is £302,000 (a difference of £53,000 that should be recovered by March 2008). The next phase will be Princeton, quoted at £325,000 plus the existing shortfall to be met. [*General discussion on the magnitude of the increase*] There could be a saving of the order of £34-35,000 if Yale and Princeton were done together in one year and it would help Freshwater to know if residents think that this would be worthwhile. A new report on this and related matters will be presented to committee and possibly an EGM if appropriate.

Any Other Business

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 21:30