

RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Reminder: Committee Meeting Thursday 5th June 7:30 pm in flat 135

Agenda

Minutes of previous meeting

Matters Arising

Major Works

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Minutes of Committee Meeting 19:30 2008-04-29, Tuesday

Present:

Phil Luckett [PL] (Vice-Chair), John Turner [JHT], Colin Troy [CT], Tim McCormick [TM], Jean Minshull [JM], Irene Dunstan [ID] Maria Webster [MW], Rachel Goodinson [RG], Peter Walsh [PW]

Apologies for Absence: Rose Heathfield.

Motion: In accordance with rule 7.3 of the constitution, it was proposed by ID, seconded by PL that Rachel Goodinson be appointed to the Chair of the committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

Items Discussed: Matters arising (1) The RRA Website needs to be passed on to someone with the time and skills to put it to best use. JHT has copied the necessary files and passed them on to CT.

Matters Arising (2) Change of Bankers: CT reported that the account with the present bankers (Derbyshire Building Society) is unsatisfactory for a number of reasons. Paying creditors is difficult as there is no chequebook and changing signatories is a complicated process because there is a passbook where actual signatures are held. HSBC offer a cheque account with no passbook and signatures held separately by the Bank. Motion: Proposed RG seconded CT that the Association open an account with HSBC, West Bridgford branch with four signatories: Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer and Secretary, any two to sign. CT agreed to organise this. Noted: signatories will each need to go to the branch with id, but not necessarily all together.

Matters Arising (3) Membership: PL reported that at least one neighbour is interested in joining.

Matters Arising (4) Continuity: TM asked will JHT be able to continue as Secretary? JHT: Yes until a sale of my flat becomes imminent.

More uses for RRA Website: RG suggested that flats for sale could be posted there. This was generally agreed as a good idea provided that we do not run into any traps by inadvertently claiming to be an estate agency. A general policy of providing the service free to members and charging non-members an amount equal to the membership fee was suggested. TM suggested that other items could be offered for sale (bicycles for example). JHT will float the idea in a newsletter.

Summer Party: PL asked if we plan a Summer Party again this year because, if so, he might be able to arrange live music from his band. In general discussion, ID suggested that we present it as a picnic – *bring your own food and drink*; that way cost would be limited to providing refreshments for the band. Resolution: we will form a sub-committee to arrange a picnic party on the Saturday of the Nottingham River Festival. There will be need to ensure that only residents and bona fide guests attend; hiring bouncers may be necessary. MW asked for not too many rules as that puts people off.

Security: ID has been approached by a resident who is worried that ex-residents may still be in possession of keys. RD pointed out that the only 100% secure solution would involve changing all the locks every time anyone moved and this was impractical and would be far too expensive. Residents can be reassured that ones flat is as secure as its front door; an intruder cannot get past the public areas provided that we lock up.

Freshwater bills: MW asked about letters threatening legal action that some residents have received. ID said that a neighbour (Mrs Easton) was worried by hers. JM said that she has not yet received a detailed bill at all. RD agreed to contact Freshwater on the subject of bills and peoples arrangements to pay.

Night-time disturbance: JHT has been asked by a neighbour what can be done about one particular flat that troubles him and his young family with loud music at 3am and evidence of drug use (aluminium foil matches etc. as litter). After general discussion, RG said that as we have no remit to deal with matters between residents, anyone's recommended course of action must be to contact Freshwater if they believe that a neighbour is breach of his terms of lease or the police in case of a breach of the law.