

RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting 19:30 2008-06-05, Thursday

Present:

Rachel Goodinson [RG](Chair), Tim McCormick [TM], John Turner [JHT], Jean Minshull [JM], Irene Dunstan [ID] Marina Webster

Apologies for Absence: Phil Luckett, Colin Troy.

Items Discussed:

Minutes of previous meeting were read and corrections applied as follows:

Uses of website: the decision was to insist on RRA membership for flat sales. Bicycles etc were not included.

Summer Party: to be dealt with by the Committee as a whole, not by subcommittee

Other matters arising:

(1) [MW asked]: Was there further news from Freshwater re Major Works? RG replied that Freshwater were happy with the rate of payment of the charge. 50% had paid in full and 25% had made some contribution. Work due to start 23rd June.

On 17th June there is a preliminary meeting with CRL and Freshwater at Beeches Hotel that a representative of the Committee could attend. The technical part would be at the start and unlikely to be of great interest to us. There was some discussion on who was able to attend; RG and MW both available. All agreed that it is important to establish liaison between the residents and the Project Manager.

(2) A resident has written to ask the Committee's views on the proposed Mosque on Rugby Road. RG said that, as replied to the correspondent, it is not our concern.

(3) Traffic problems on Wilford Lane: There was a discussion on the need for a pedestrian crossing near Rivermead. We have written to the Council before on this matter only to be told that there is not enough traffic to justify it. RG suggested that there are two good reasons for a crossing: the Londis shop and the many Rivermead Residents; and the only cure for the problem would be double yellow lines. She will write to the Council.

(4) Summer Party (2nd August) [RG] There is a problem with the electricity supply in the garden: it is not sufficiently powerful for Phil's band.

(5) Contact details: [RG] Who is willing to share their contact details? All are within the Committee but generally less willing to open ourselves to all-hours enquiries from residents.

AOB:

(1) There is a Local Area Forum meeting at County Hall 16th June. RG to attend.

(2) A lot of non-recyclable general waste is being put in recycling bins. Could we put helpful advice in our next newsletter? As a helpful suggestion, if the Council (RBC) could send letters, we are willing to help distribute them.

(3) Buying the Freehold: RG reported following discussion with PL that now might be a good time to re-raise this issue because many people will soon want to extend their lease. To buy the freehold is not significantly more expensive than to extend a lease. It was agreed that we would resume the discussion in future meetings.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24th June 2008, in Flat 58.

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