

*RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION*

**Minutes of Committee Meeting 19:30, 24 June 2008**

**Present:**

Rachel Goodinson [RG] (Chair), Phil Lockett [PL] (Vice-chair), Colin Troy [CT] (Treasurer), Tim McCormick [TM] (acting Secretary), Marina Webster [MW], Irene Dunstan [ID], John Turner [JT], Jean Minshull [JM].

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies.

**2. Minutes from previous meeting and matters arising**

RG reported that she had contacted Cllr Martin Brandon-Bravo on the subject of traffic on Wilford Lane. She said it is unlikely we will get a new road crossing because it would be too close to other crossings and on a bend in the road. But she said that bus stop clearways have been proposed for the bus stops outside The Beeches and Princeton House.

RG attended the Local Area Forum meeting at County Hall on 16 June. She said it was not very relevant to us, mostly being about traffic in West Bridgford and Lady Bay. The next LAF meeting is at 7.00pm on 18 August 2008.

RG was not able to attend the Compton Acres Local Area Group as it clashed with the above, but she obtained a copy of the minutes, which she circulated. The main subject of that meeting had been the Trentside Club. The next CALAG meeting is at 7.00pm on 15 September 2008.

RG has been sent 175 leaflets and covering letters by Rushcliffe Borough Council giving guidance on recycling, to be distributed to flats. The guide for the "blue bin" is the relevant one for our recycling bins. RBC have told RG they are prepared to present a talk to the residents, but it was agreed that it is not worth organising a special residents meeting for this.

On the subject of lease extensions, JT said that former Committee member Sally Gatheral has a solicitor friend who is willing to advise the Committee. He said he did not know if the friend would charge for this, but could find out. PL mentioned that his next door neighbour has been quoted £11 000 to extend their lease to 75 years.

**Action:** RG asked JH to arrange for Sally's friend to meet the Committee.

**3. Correspondence from the Chair**

RG said she has had a phone call from Flat 22 about payments for the major works. It was agreed that this is a matter between him and Freshwater.

**4. Correspondence from the Secretary**

None.

**5. Major Works**

MW said that residents in Princeton and Yale should tell their insurance providers that

scaffolding will be erected outside their flats, and clear their balconies ready for the major works. It was mentioned that CRT plan to put clear film over windows to prevent splatter during repainting.

RG and MW had attended the pre-work meeting with CRL and Freshwater at The Beeches on 17 June, where they discussed issues arising from last year's works on Harvard. Another meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 15 July at which one or more Committee members may attend.

It was noted that TV aerials on Princeton and Yale will be taken down. JH noted that the assessment for window replacement had just been carried out, and RG said that all remaining wooden windows in those blocks will be replaced while the scaffolding is up.

#### **6. Summer Garden Party**

PL said that there is not sufficient space or an adequate electricity supply in the garden to allow his band to play. It was agreed to use a CD player instead. It was further agreed to make this an informal gathering with no charge, and people to provide their own food and drink. It was noted that doormen will probably not be needed if there is no band. The party will start at 7.00pm. MW suggested the slogan "come and meet your neighbours".

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

CT said that he would set up the new RRA account at The Midland on the following Saturday. The current balance is £653.43. There is one new member, Flat 111. ID noted that we need to keep a float in case we need to appoint a solicitor, arrange meetings at The Beeches, *etc.* **Action:** RG asked CT to produce an up-to-date list of RRA members.

#### **8. Newsletter and Membership**

CT said that he will take over running the RRA website.

RG said she would like to produce an RRA newsletter every 3 months or so, with one coming out in July to inform residents about the Summer Garden Party, give them the opportunity to advertise their properties, *etc.* TM pointed out the newsletter would have to be delivered to all flats if we want everyone to know about the Garden Party. It was agreed the July newsletter will be delivered to all flats, with subsequent ones only going to RRA members.

#### **9. AOB**

JM asked if anyone had heard anything more about the proposed new mosque on Rugby Road, but there was no new information.

#### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 28 July, 7:30pm, Flat 58.