

RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting 19:30, 28 July 2008

Present:

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

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes from previous meeting and matters arising

RG said that the next Local Area Group meeting is on 18 August at 7.00pm at County Hall. She said she will attend and asked if anyone else wished to go. MW said she will go. RG said the next Compton Acres Local Area Group is on 15 September and that she will attend this also.

RG thanked those who had delivered the Rushcliffe recycling leaflets, and asked for suggestions as to what to do with those left over. MW said she would give them to Peter to distribute to anyone who wishes them.

On the subject of lease extensions, RG reported that she had spoken to Sally Gatheral's solicitor friend, Paul Tomkins of Freeth Cartwright, and he is willing to come and speak to the committee at no charge. Dates of Wed. 6, Tue 12, Thur 21, and Tue 26 August were suggested.

RG reported that the new RRA bank account has been set up. CT said that he is still to make an up-to-date list of RRA members and take over the web site.

3. Correspondence from the Chair

RG said that she had been emailed copies of the minutes of the meetings between CRL and Freshwater about the major works. The RRA was not represented at the second meeting. The minutes showed that Freshwater had received a letter from one resident about getting windows replaced, and making minor complaints about parking.

RG reported that two residents had contacted her recently. One was a new RRA member. The other had enquired about the workings of the windows fund, and the status of the Environment Agency action arising from last year's flood defence construction work.

RG mentioned that she had met someone on the complex who expressed the opinion that the RRA had held up the major works. She said that the garden party will provide a good opportunity to explain to residents about the RRA's activities.

4. Correspondence from the Secretary

None.

5. Major Works

There was general agreement that the major works to Princeton and Yale are going well.

6. Summer Garden Party

PL said that his band are available, and RG confirmed she has written permission from Freshwater to use the electricity supply in the garden. ID said that we should invite Peter and the cleaners to the garden party. MW replied that she would give them copies of the newsletter containing the invitation. JM said we should suggest people bring their own chairs. RG said she would put copies of the newsletter on the notice boards.

RG said that she has arranged for 3 people she knows to act as ticket collectors at a total cost of £100. The party will start at 7pm, PL's band will play around 8-9:30pm, and the party will finish about midnight. MW asked if the suspension bridge will be open. ID replied that it is currently being worked on.

RG said the RRA should buy some beer for the band, and soft drinks for the ticket collectors. ID mentioned that it would be a good idea to warn the shop that many residents are likely to be buying beer on the day. MW said she would tell them.

7. Treasurer's Report

CT said that the old RRA account at the Derbyshire has now been closed, and the new account opened at the Halifax. There are 2 cheque books, which CT and RG have. CT, RG and PL are the signatories. There is £650 in the account and a cash float.

8. Newsletter and Membership

ID said that future newsletters should mention that both leaseholders and tenants can join the RRA. CT asked what the printing costs for the newsletter were. RG replied that they were £10.64 for 320 copies!

9. AOB

PL said that on the subject of buying the freehold, a colleague had told him it may be possible to do this block by block. The Land Registry can be used to find out who owns flats. If we tell Freshwater we want them to manage the complex they may release the freehold for a relatively low fee.

RG reported that speed cameras have been proposed for Wilford Lane.

RG suggested holding the AGM on 20 October, with a committee meeting 1 week earlier. RG said she would check availability of Beeches.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Mon 8 September at Flat 135. Subsequent meetings 2nd Monday of every month.