

RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting 19:30, 6 April 2009, Flat 14

Present:

Rachel Goodinson (Chair), Phil Lockett [PL] (Vice-Chair), Colin Troy [CT] (Treasurer), Tim McCormick [TM] (Secretary), Rose Heathfield [RH], Jean Minshull [JM], Peter Walsh [PW], Marina Webster [MW]

Matters Arising

RG said that she has not organised a meeting with the solicitor about lease extensions yet, but plans to arrange one for June. She said she will write a newsletter for residents.

She noted that flat numbers have been put back on the front doors following the Yale and Princeton renovations.

Correspondence

RG said she has received a letter from a resident asking if the holly bushes between Yale House and the Trentside Club can be pruned because they take the light. Freshwater have responded that the holly bushes are their responsibility and are pruned occasionally. They will get prices for pruning.

RG also has had a letter from Flat 15 about loud music being played between approx. 11:30pm and 2:30am on Wednesday nights. She suggested to them that they contact Freshwater, who could mail residents about being considerate to neighbours in the matter of noise.

Treasurer's Report

CT reported that the RRA has £604.01 including petty cash. Two new members have recently joined. TM asked the total number of members and CT replied 18. RG said that we need a drive to increase membership. She wondered if we can use the leases as an issue?

CT has paid the annual charge for website hosting, which is £42.50. He said he may look into a cheaper alternative.

RG noted that the committee members list on notice boards needs updating.

Any Other Business

MW mentioned that she had heard that the proposed redecoration of the communal spaces will include electrical rewiring.

JM asked about works on the footbridge. RG replied that work should start in May.

TM asked about the possibility of holding a garden party this year. It was noted that not many people attended the last one. Is it worth doing again this year, with the band?

RG asked if anyone was unhappy with any aspects of the service charge. She said

she thought the quoted audit fee seems high.

MW asked if we can find out what Freshwater's buildings insurance covers, so residents can arrange appropriate contents insurance. PW noted it is difficult to get contents insurance here because of the proximity to the river.

Date of Next Meeting

7:30pm, Monday 8 June, Flat 135.