

RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting, Flat 58, 19:30, 12 October 2009

Present

Rachel Goodinson (Chair) [RG], Tim McCormick (Secretary) [TM], Nicki Puckey [NP], Marina Webster [MW], Jean Minshull [JM]

Leases

RG discussed the recent leases meeting at which a solicitor and a surveyor explained the process of extending leases. She noted that it was decided at the meeting that we would initially have the solicitor send a letter to Freshwater asking for a quote for lease extension. If this did not receive a satisfactory response then those interested could pursue a formal procedure under the Leaseholder Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993.

She reported the prices that the solicitor and surveyor have given her. She said she will produce a newsletter advertising the upcoming AGM, and will include the price information in this.

RG said that one suggestion that came out of the leases meeting was to inform absentee owners who sub-let their flats about the initiative to extend leases by putting a letter through the doors of the sub-let flats, addressed to the owner.

RG suggested setting up a sub-committee, chaired by someone on the main RRA Committee, to communicate with the solicitor and oversee the lease extensions. She suggested giving the sub-committee chair a £100 budget. The leases sub-committee could be set up at the AGM.

RG said that so far 21 people want to go forward with leases extensions.

AGM

There was discussion of the upcoming AGM which will be held in the Bridgford Suite, Beeches Hotel at 7:30pm. RG noted that we need a list of RRA members ready for the AGM. RG and TM agreed to collaborate on a membership list.

The agenda for the AGM was discussed. The following was agreed:

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Chairman's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Committee
5. Election of Officers
6. Leases Discussion - set up a subcommittee
7. AOB notified to the Chair

VICTORIA EMBANKMENT

RG said that new flood defences and added extras including a skate park have been proposed on the opposite side of the river. The work will include removing the band

stand. RG said that one resident has raised concerns to her about possible noise from the skate park. RG said she will reply to them, suggesting people write individually to the City Council. RG wondered how this will affect car parking on football match days?

AOB

There was no AOB.

DONM

It was decided to set the date of the next meeting once the new Committee has been elected at the AGM.

[Note added subsequently: The next meeting is Monday 16 November, Flat 6, 7:30pm]