

# RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012

### 1. Present

Maria Cooke, Gill Catchpole, Peter Walsh, Nicki Puckey, Tim McCormick, Tim Gregory, Mark Madden, Marilyn Ash, Christine Girolomini

### 2. New members

The new members of the committee were welcomed and each member introduced themselves. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### 3. Lighting works

New light fittings had been installed in one communal area of Yale House for the committee's approval. There were 3 different fittings, all of which were acceptable, and it was agreed that the least expensive fittings should be approved for installation in all the communal areas as necessary. The committee had been given the opportunity to view all 3 fittings and choose one, although weren't given the original choice of these fittings before they were installed.

An update is to be requested from Freshwater regarding the lighting works which are to commence in the Spring. A timeline is needed that includes the lighting works and also the redecoration works, which are to be carried out fairly soon afterwards. It was expressed that in view of not being given any advanced choice of the light fittings (although the ones proposed were acceptable) the choice of redecoration colours etc must be put to the committee before any decisions are made. It may be that Freshwater should be invited to a committee meeting once this stage has been reached in order to discuss the options and choices.

### 4. Service charges

The new service charge notifications should be received by the end of February. It is hoped that the service charges for 2012/13 will be considerably less than the previous 2 years. It was indicated by Freshwater at the asbestos meeting that the cost of redecoration works would be much less than that for the asbestos removal and lighting works.

### 5 Aerial installation

Nothing further has been put forward by Freshwater regarding the communal digital aerial installation, and MC will ask Freshwater about the latest position regarding this.

### 6. Leases

The former lease extension applications have been finalised. TM reviewed his experience briefly for the committee and has updated the website with more details and included a section on this for everyone to read for themselves.

### 7 Cleanliness audits

A recent spot check on cleanliness in the blocks was carried out, which was fine. There were no problems reported.

## **8 AOB**

It has been mentioned by Pete Porter that there will be more bicycle storage facilities provided in the large garage as all the bicycle spots are taken. There is a demand for more space for storing and locking up bicycles.

The summer party will be held again this year, sometime in September when hopefully the summer rain has passed (!) and the Indian summer has arrived (!). Further details and plans will be made later in the year.

It had been noted that there were some cables draped through the trees on the far side of Yale House. It wasn't known what these cables were for, and Pete Porter was going to be asked to have a look and investigate.

The website has been updated and freshened up by TM with all up to date information.

## **9 Date of next meeting**

To be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March in flat 108.