

RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Tuesday 8th May 2012

1. Present

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

2. Decoration works

The email response received from Freshwater regarding the lighting and decorating works was discussed. It was agreed that the current carpets in the communal areas were satisfactory and okay to leave as they are, likewise the tiles on the stairways. General opinion was that there was no point going to added expense to replace these with superior items due to all the comings and goings of residents moving in and out and especially with bicycles etc going in and out of the blocks. Colour choices were again discussed and CG had done some research into possible colours, with colour charts to look at. JK from Freshwater was due to visit Rivermead the following week to discuss the decoration works and what we thought needed to be done, together with any other remedial tasks put forward to him. The initial colour options would be put to him at that time.

It was agreed that the wallpaper on the lower walls of the communal areas should not be replaced, for the same reasons as above. A list of all these points would be put together to speak to JK about.

3. Jubilee Party

To be held on Saturday 2nd June. GC had produced a post to be put on the noticeboards within the next couple of weeks to inform residents of the party. MM kindly agreed to tweak and update the poster. *(this was done soon after the meeting and a very good poster it was too!)*

4. Walton and Allen

A letter had been received by all residents from Walton and Allen informing of the setting up of individual web addresses etc. Residents were not happy about this and it was suggested that a template letter be drafted as a response to W+A, together with a letter of explanation of the latest situation, and these be put through all the letterboxes in Rivermead. This way the residents can use the template to send their objections to W+A of the continual contact and that these individual web addresses should be deleted.

5 Cleanliness audits

Latest audit date April 30th. Both inside and outside the blocks was found to be clean and tidy. The rubbish bin railing areas had been repainted by Pete since the last meeting. The cleaning in Yale House had not been carried out that day, but this was soon rectified by Pete.

7 AOB

The matter regarding the small light bollard v the large light bollard was still not clear. *(since the meeting a matching small light bollard has been installed to match the existing)*

It has been noted that some days the parking bays are full which can cause problems for residents. The garage spaces inside garage 1 are to be repainted and resized sometime in the near future and the bicycle storage put into garage 2. *(the door on garage 1 recently needed repairing and the garage was locked each evening resulting in all available parking space to be used each evening)*

The back gate to the garden still gets left unpadlocked.

The road crossing on Wilford Lane near the old school site has been removed. No correspondence had been received from the Highways Department and CG is to write/speak to Kenneth Clarke MP to ask for another one to be sited further along the Lane. Also the railing along the end of the alleyway by the old school site is now not long enough to protect any cyclists/pedestrians from tumbling down the steps from the corner angle.

CG has been to the Council to enquire about planning applications on the old school site. There has been an application by the school for a dining room extension, polytunnel and tennis courts.

An application for 24 dwellings was not granted.

The resiting of the GP surgery further down Wilford Lane has objections raised against it.

The application from Sainsbury's for a new store along Wilford Lane has not yet been progressed but is still active.

8 Freshwater list

- 1 Outside wall – tidying up and keeping tidy.
- 2 Schedule of works for decorations and also colour scheme.
- 3 Progress on hiring a new cleaner.
- 4 W+A letters – let FW know what is happening (MC to email this also)
- 5 Small jobs around the site – use local trades rather than people from Birmingham.
- 6 TV aerial – latest position.
- 7 Entrance light bollard
- 8 Urgency of bicycle parking.

9 Date of next meeting

To be on Monday 16th July in flat 108.

02/07/20 August - AGM planning