

**RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
MEETING – 16.7.12**

**PRESENT:**

Maria Cooke  
Peter Walsh  
Tim McCormick  
Chris Girolomini  
Marilyn Ash  
Gill Catchpole  
Mark Madden

**Apologies:**

Nicki Puckey

**Previous Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Updates on agreed actions are as follows:

The planned audit meeting with Freshwater took place and was useful. The following improvement actions were agreed:

- Red facias would be cleaned where possible to improve the external appearance of the site
- Where caretaking and gardening staff had time they would attempt to keep on top of the outside wall area
- The committee-endorsed colour schemes were handed over and Freshwater agreed that the RRA would be involved in further decoration choices
- Bicycle parking was currently being planned but no dates were offered
- Freshwater were aware of new Walton and Allen approaches
- Parking areas would be repainted to ensure parking areas were cleared
- New planting would be sourced for next year to include more shrubbery and evergreens to provide year-round colour

The Chair of the RRA had the opportunity to meet the candidates for the cleaner's position and was consulted on the appropriate choice afterwards – all were in agreement regarding the chosen candidate. MA and GC agreed to carry out a cleanliness audit by the end of July following the induction period for the new member of staff.

The letter for residents to send to Walton and Allen had not yet been completed but would be done within the next few days and forwarded to members of the committee for photocopying. Copies would then be sent back to MC prior to distribution throughout the blocks.

The Jubilee Party took place as planned but the weather did not help attendance. Those who did attend shared music, food and conversation.

CG followed up the disappearance of the crossing with Ken Clarke (local MP). She raised the following appoints:

- The possibility of a new crossing
- Potential safety and vandalism issues connected to the old Becket site
- Street cleaning of Wilford Lane
- The disappearance of the barrier following work to the flood barriers and the safety issue associated with this

Mr Clarke agreed to follow up these issues with the relevant local authorities although he stressed he had no direct power to intervene.

### **Any Other Business:**

#### **Fire doors:**

MM queried the provision and cost of fire doors (and which door should be used etc). He agreed to compile a list of questions that could be forwarded to Freshwater. The general view was that £65 was the anticipated cost.

#### **Garden maintenance:**

NP raised the issue (via email) of barbecues being left in the garden to become an unsightly hazard for other users. MC agreed to ask Freshwater staff to remove them as per her request at the end of the summer.

MA asked that the holly bushes on the Trent Social Club side be chopped back a bit to allow more light onto that side of the building.

TM read out an anonymous complaint written by a resident asking why the riverside garden was not mown as frequently as the front grass areas, making it difficult to use the area at times. MC agreed to follow this up as well.

#### **AGM:**

All agreed the AGM should be in October this year and this would be on the next agenda. CG volunteered to man the door to elicit subscriptions from existing and potential new members.

PW delivered receipts for last year's membership fees and agreed to bring a financial report to the next meeting.

#### **Date of next meeting:**

20<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm – Flat 108.