



Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held in Room 3, Shrewsbury House at 19.30
15th March 2011

Present:

Robert Million (RM) Chair
Alex Hayesmore (AH) Secretary
Ralph Million (RHM) Treasurer
Nicola Dennis (ND)
Chris Higgs (CH)
Sue King (SK)
Martyn Kither (MK)
Liz McDermott (LMD)
Michael Wood (MW)
Razz Razzaq (RZ)

Item

Action

1 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from George Tutheridge (GT). The Committee wished GT a speedy recovery.

2 **Minutes of last meeting held 15th December 2010**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by RM, chair.

3 **Matters arising**

Matters arising were covered under agenda headings.

4 **Fire station mast and planning application 10/2760/F**

The recent Orange planning application has been rejected by LBG's planning committee. There is an enforcement order in effect against Orange requiring them to remove the incorrectly sited equipment, although Orange can appeal against this.

Chris Higgs (CH) thought that SHAM should approach London Fire Brigade (LFB) directly as they could insist on the removal of the equipment. He also stated that although the health impact is difficult to prove, the visual and aesthetic impact of the mast and equipment is a stronger argument.

RM had attended the planning meeting and felt that there was a change of attitude amongst members of the planning committee who were now looking more sympathetically at objections relating to telecommunications masts.

CH thanked the committee for its support.

Liz McDermott (LMD) reported that there had been over 30 local people at the planning committee meeting from all over the Shooters Hill area.



5 SHAM update

Covered under the agenda item number 4.

CH/GT

6 Estate horticultural maintenance

RM had emailed Cllr Fahy again regarding the transfer of responsibilities between Parks and Open Spaces and Cleansweep. At the time of the meeting he had received no reply.

7 Association Vision

Plum Lane project.

RM has forwarded the consultation letter to Alex Hayesmore (AH). RM has received three replies from ten houses. RM felt that he would like to receive more responses and we should go through the consultation process again. Nicola Dennis enquired if the funding was still available, RM replied that it wasn't and the association would have to look at funding options, depending on the cost.

Oak post estate entry treatment.

Cllr Taylor knows where to obtain the posts and RM is waiting for him to provide a quote. RM felt this project is looking promising and LBG is supportive. We would need consent from the Highways department and Cllr Hyland had agreed to investigate this. LMD still felt that the posts should say something on them; Martyn Kither (MK) thought they would be imposing enough on their own. CH had seen a photograph from 1966 belonging to Sue King (SK) showing the original posts and thought they looked great. MK asked why the Woolwich Borough Council had taken the posts down. SK reported that the chains had been taken during WWII as part of the war effort for metal reclamation.

Succession Tree Planting.

The trees had been planted. LBG had provided seven trees for the price of the five that the association had paid for; they had also covered the cost of planting and sundries. A watering regime is in place. The trees are located as follows:- 1 in the Bushmoor Cul-de-sac, one at the end of Mereworth Drive, two in Plum Lane, one each outside [REDACTED] Ashridge Crescent. RM asked for the committees approval to continue with further tree planting, this was agreed. Michael Wood (MW) asked about the sweet chestnut in Ashridge Crescent which has deteriorated.



8 **Association website and house price guide**

RM reported that he is still working on a house value guide, but there are such a variety of house styles on the estate it may take some time. He will use actual sale prices. LMD asked if estate agents still use the actual names to describe the house styles, RM answered that they didn't, but he was intending to use these names for the guide. CH felt that generally agents are undervaluing properties on the estate.

RM/AH

9 **Association Subscription**

After some debate it was decided to leave the annual subscription at £3 and put any rise to the AGM. RM mentioned that he had been able to get the newsletters printed up for just £20. LMD suggested we raise the subject in a future newsletter. Ralph Million (RHM) re-iterated that before proposing any rise in the subscription we prepare a detailed proposal to put to members at the AGM or by newsletter. Volunteers to collect the subs are as follows:- LMD and MK-Mereworth Drive, SK-Kinlett Road, CH-Bushmoor Crescent, AH-Plum Lane, RM and RHM-Ashridge Crescent. ND had begun to collect subs for Ashridge Crescent last year and had collected £30.

CH asked what we should say to residents who ask what the subscription is for. LMD suggested carrying a copy of the associations' aims when collecting and also suggested there be a list of the associations' achievements over the years. RMH will get receipt books out to collectors.

10 **Sue King's Ideas**

Litter picking day.

SK said that there was a lot of litter on the estate getting trapped in shrubs etc and suggested the committee organised a litter picking day. The committee felt that this was the job of LBG, and RM felt that health and safety was an especial concern with this kind of activity on the public highway.

Stall at local events

CH reported that the SHAM stall at the Eaglesfield Park Summer Fayre had been a great success. Again much debate and it was decided to give further consideration.

Restoration of gardening club.

SK reported that there used to be a gardening club at the golf course, where residents could purchase gardening sundries. The committee felt that in an age of DIY stores, garden centres, internet shopping and seven day a week opening there wouldn't be the support to persuade the golf club to re-establish the club.



11 Planning Matters

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12 Shrewsbury House listing status

Subject to further discussion.

13 Shrewsbury Park Estate 75th birthday press release

The tree in Bushmoor Crescent is to be the one used for the ceremonial planting. RM has emailed the ward councillors requesting the Mayor's attendance. Cllr Sekhon had replied and RM is drafting a press release.

14 Any other business

RM thanked SK for her contribution to the newsletter.
There was a discussion relating to obtaining archive materials about the estate and CH suggested that a request go into a newsletter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.25

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 10th May 2011.

Signed:

(Chair)

Date: