



Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held in Room 3, Shrewsbury House at 19.30
15th December 2010

Present:

Robert Million (RM) Chair
Alex Hayesmore (AH) Secretary
Ralph Million (RHM) Treasurer
Sue King (SK)
Martyn Kither (MK)
Chris Higgs (CH)
George Tutheridge (GT)

Item	Action
1 Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Liz McDermott	
2 Minutes of last meeting held 19th October 2010 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by Robert Million, Chair (RM)	
3 Matters arising RM had contacted London Borough of Greenwich (LBG) regarding the issues at Furze Lodge and the area has now been fenced off. Other matters arising covered under agenda headings.	
4 Fire station mast and planning application 10/2760/F RM has drafted a document outlining the association's position on the above planning application relating to the mast.	
5 SHAM update Since the last committee meeting 500 petitions had been gathered. There had been a recent meeting with Cllr Thorpe and he understands the position regarding the siting of the current equipment. His advice regarding TETRA was to write to the Chief Executive of LBG. Cllr Thorpe will present the petition to a full meeting of the council. There will be a further meeting between SHAM and LBG representatives in the new year. George Tutheridge (GT) expressed disappointment at the poor response to the SHAM circular pertaining to the existing incorrectly sited equipment. 16 th February is when the Orange application is to be considered, and the more residents respond the more likely LBG will be forced to listen to objections.	CH/GT



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<p>5 SHAM update (continued) A copy of the SHAM DVD containing video images of the mast has been sent to Boris Johnson (Mayor of London) by local journalist Susan St Ledger. It has been discovered that Government guidelines state that the impact of property values are just one of the matters that should be considered by local authorities. Chris Higgs (CH) urged all to send in their objections.</p>	
<p>6 Estate horticultural maintenance RM had emailed Cllr Fahy regarding the transfer of responsibility from Cleansweep to Parks & Open Spaces, but at the time of the meeting had received no response. Cleansweep have recently been trimming branches around the estate. CH reported that he had never witnessed the leaves being swept up in the Bushmoor Crescent cul-de-sac. There was discussion regarding littering around the estate. There was general consensus that it is LBG's responsibility to clear litter from the public highway.</p>	
<p>7 <u>Association Vision</u></p>	
<p>Plum lane project RM will pass on the letter regarding the shrub bed to AH for redistribution and approval from relevant residents.</p>	
<p>Oak post estate entry treatment RM had contacted Cllr Taylor to progress this matter.</p>	
<p>Succession tree planting It will cost approximately £600 for five trees plus a delivery charge. LBG will plant them, the species and locations have been chosen. RM asked Ralph Million for an association cheque in order to make the purchase. RHM requested an invoice. The trees will need to be planted soon as winter is the optimum time to do so.</p>	
<p>Street name plates There had been no further progress.</p>	
<p>8 Association website and house price guide RM reported that he has started to work on a house price guide for the website. AH reported that the site was now up and running.</p>	RM/AH
<p>9 Association Subscription Ralph Million was still waiting to hear from Nicola Dennis regarding collection of subs from Ashridge Crescent. AH will forward ND's new email address to RHM, he will check if she started to collect the subs.</p>	



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10 Planning matters



Given the above examples there was a general consensus amongst the committee that there was a lack of 'joined up thinking' from LBG on planning matters. RM felt that the draft conservation guidelines for the estate need to go through the approval process as soon as possible to help prevent mismatches in planning decisions, RM will therefore write to Steve Crow at LBG asking when the draft is to be completed.

11 Shrewsbury house listing status

There is to be an article in a future newsletter concerning the possibility of upgrading the listing of Shrewsbury House from local to grade 2. RM feels that as far as protecting the estate from inappropriate development is concerned it would be better if the house and bungalow were grade 2 listed, although Shrewsbury House may be concerned about possible additional costs associated with grade 2 listing.

12 Shrewsbury Park Estates 75th birthday press release

RM will be developing a press release for inclusion on The Mercury and News Shopper; this will be more detailed than the previous in Greenwich Time. Sue King (SK) commented that The Mercury had run a double page about the estate in the past and that she had a copy. SK will give this to AH to scan for the website. RM suggested writing a description to be passed to estate agents to use when describing the estate.

RM

13 Any other business

SK suggested the revival of an old estate tradition. Many years ago the Salvation Army used to sing carols around the estate on Christmas Day; she felt it would be nice if committee members did the same, perhaps on Christmas eve? All agreed it was an interesting idea. After some discussion it was suggested that perhaps in future years the committee asks the Salvation Army or a local Scout troop to sing carols around the estate in the run up to Christmas.

CH thought another idea for raising the profile of the association would be to hold a stall at local events and that we should engage in joint endeavours with Shrewsbury House. RM suggested that the forthcoming Royal Wedding would be an ideal occasion for this. He also suggested ceremonially replanting one of the new trees in celebration of the wedding and the estate's 75th anniversary. RM will speak to a ward councillor regarding Mayoral attendance for this event.

RM/SK/AH



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13 Any other business (continued)

SK reported that in the past the association had played a major role in getting flight paths changed and the opening of the bus route up the hill. SK will draft a piece on the associations past successes and AH will publish these on the website.

SK presented some old photographs of the estate and these were passed around the meeting. AH will scan these and publish them on the website.

The next newsletter will be published in the New Year, and RM thanked SK for her contribution to the content.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.46

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 15th March 2011.

Signed:

(Chair)

Date: