



# Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held in Room 12, Shrewsbury House  
at 19.30 on the 1st May 2012

## **Present:**

Robert Million (RM) Chair,  
Liz McDermott (LMD) Vice Chair,  
Alex Hayesmore (AH) Secretary,  
Ralph Million (RHM) Treasurer,  
Monica Beck (MB),  
Nicola Dennis, (ND),  
John Field (JF),  
Martyn Kither (MK),  
Leslie Smith (LS).

Before beginning the meeting the committee met with Jayne Otite to hear her suggestions.

- | Item   | Action |
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| <b>1 Welcome and apologies for absence</b><br>Robert Million (RM), (chair) began by welcoming John Field (JF) to the committee. Apologies had been received from Tania Smith.  |        |
| <b>2 Minutes of last meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011</b><br>An amendment was agreed to the minutes of the previous meeting, which were then signed by RM.  |        |
| <b>3 Matters arising.</b><br>There had been no further update on the matter of [REDACTED], although a progress report had been requested, there was also no further news on the Junction of Brinklow Crescent and Plum Lane. RM to pursue.<br>As requested by the Association 100 shrubs had been planted around the estate and spraying of weeds was due to take place in the very near future.<br>All other matters were to be covered under the agenda items. |        |
| <b>4 Queens's Diamond Jubilee events.</b><br>As plans to hold a co-event with Shrewsbury House had been unable to proceed, the idea of holding an SPRA street party in Ashridge Crescent to which the wider estate would be invited was in the final stages of planning amongst neighbours in the cul-de-sac.  |        |



**4 Queens Diamond Jubilee Events (continued)**

This would take place on the afternoon of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Precise details to be confirmed. RM had been in contact with the Royal Borough to obtain the necessary permissions. Everyone would be asked to bring tables, chairs, food etc. There was some discussion regarding other streets doing the same. RM had offered to assist residents with this in the last newsletter. Leslie Smith (LS), remarked that the cul-de-sacs leant themselves well to this type of event. RM asked Liz McDermott (LMD) if she was happy to proceed with the Strawberry Tea.

LMD explained why the co-event with Shrewsbury House had been unable to go ahead. The Strawberry Tea had been an alternative idea and suggested along with Ralph Million (RHM) that an article be placed in the next newsletter proposing this as an event and requesting volunteers etc.

**5 Bushmoor Crescent advisory white lines.**

RM reported that he had received an email from a resident about a car parking over the entrance to their drive. RM discussed advisory white lines with the resident concerned and if the committee were in agreement the Association would consult on this matter in Bushmoor Crescent. If there proved to be a majority of consulted residents in favour then the Association would write to the council requesting the painting of the white lines. All agreed that this was something the Association could help with and RM would therefore deliver a letter with a tear off slip seeking resident's views.

**6 Arrangements for AGM.**

RM would provide the wine and orange juice. LMD agreed to organise the raffle. Arrangements for the AGM were discussed. Alex Hayesmore (AH) to prepare documentation for the AGM.

**7 Association Vision Plum Lane project.**

The outlines for the shrub beds had been marked on the pavement and RM had spoken to the resident who had objected, explaining that the shrubs would be low growing and the beds would be designed so they would not impede her vision when reversing her car onto Plum Lane or prevent access to the car for her dogs. She remained unconvinced. RM asked her to reconsider and would visit her again shortly to discuss other options. Highways were to lift the paving slabs and Cleansweep would provide topsoil, the shrubs and undertake the planting. RM had asked if this could be done at the same time as the installation of the oak posts as this would possibly be more cost effective for the Royal Borough.



### **Oak post entry treatment.**

RM showed the committee a 1:1 scale drawing of the top of the oak posts with the proposed plaque. The plaque design was agreed. LMD asked about metal cladding around the base of the posts, RM felt this wouldn't be necessary. Monica Beck (MB) thought the posts and plaques would help remove any doubt over the estate being a Conservation Area. All agreed that installation should proceed at the earliest opportunity and were looking forward to seeing them in situ.

RM had put orange marks where the posts were to be placed and highways were to dig exploratory holes.

### **Tree Planting.**

It was agreed by the committee that RM could spend up to £350 for tree planting in the year 2012, 2013 and 2014. LS asked RM where the trees were to be placed. RM explained they would fill in any gaps created by lost trees and had written to the Royal Borough's highways department with a list of trees to be planted when possible.

### **Street name plates.**

These would be replaced by Royal Borough of Greenwich signs on an as needed basis. RM had requested conservation areas be prioritised. RM to pursue.

## **8 Planning matters.**

The Conservation Area Character Appraisal document was still with the Royal Borough and had yet to go out for consultation. RM would be pressing for the consultation to proceed as soon as possible.

RM updated the committee on recent planning applications.

██████████ had applied to install new windows, demolish existing conservatory, form a room in the loft, erect a single storey rear extension and to extend the existing garage. The majority of the proposals were supported but the insertion of roof windows into the front/flank elevations was contrary to the planning guidelines.

██████████-replacement windows-supported.

██████████- replacement landing window-supported, but rejected by the Royal Borough,

██████████, a rear extension and kitchen extension is proceeding, but the permission did not include the demolition of the original garage.

██████████ had an application refused.



**9 Shrewsbury House grade II listing status.**

RHM left the room, to avoid any potential conflict of interest arising.

English Heritage(EH) had sent out their report for comments. RM had contacted EH. They declined to discuss the findings of the report at this stage. The S.H. Society had been asked if they knew who the architect of Shrewsbury House was. LMD had also emailed Hilly who runs the e-shooters hill website and he will look into it. RM felt that the Association should advise Shrewsbury House of the report and asked for the committee's agreement to do so. This was agreed.

**10 Association subscriptions collection.**

RHM asked the committee for its thoughts on the collection of this year's subs. All felt that collection should occur post AGM in June and July as many roads had been collected later than usual for 2011-2012. It was also agreed that a rise in subscription cost would not be proposed at this year's AGM and subs would remain at £3 for the year 2012-2013.

**11 Any other business.**

RM reported that he had completed the house price guide; it used actual sale prices and original house names. It will be published on the website.

There will be an article in 'Royal Greenwich Time' about the shrub planting.

RM thanked the committee for its efforts over the past year. LMD thanked RM for all his hard work on behalf of residents of the estate.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 22.03

**Date of next meeting to be arranged by AH post AGM.**

Signed: (Chair)

Date: