



Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held in Room 6, Shrewsbury House
at 19.30 on the 3rd December 2013

Present:

Robert Million (RM) Chair,
Liz McDermott (LMD) Vice Chair
Len Newland (LN), Vice Chair and NW Area Co-ordinator,
Alex Hayesmore (AH) Secretary,
Ralph Million (RHM) Treasurer,
John Field (JF),
Nick Fry (NF),
Chris Higgs (CH),
Clive Inglis (CI),
George Tutheridge (GT),

Item	Action
1 Welcome and apologies for absence. Robert Million (RM) began by welcoming everyone to the meeting and wishing all a Merry Christmas. Apologies had been received from Nicola Dennis and Ian Robert.	
2 Minutes of last meeting held 15th October 2013 RM requested one amendment to item 8, this was agreed and the minutes were signed by the chair (RM) as a true record.	
3 Matters arising. The new windows at [REDACTED] were felt to be an unacceptable design. Planning Enforcement were dealing with the matter. RM had received no comments from residents regarding soil levels in the shrub beds, so just the Mereworth Drive entrance would be replenished. The speed bump in Plum Lane had now been repaired. While the engineers were in Plum Lane they remarked on the speed at which vehicles hit the bump. All agreed that RM should raise the speed issue with the Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG).	



- 4 Former fire station telecommunications mast.**
Permission for retention of the equipment installed for the Olympics has now been refused by RBG. RM had written to RBG asking what would now happen to this equipment. George Tutheridge (GT) said that he had written to RBG to report that the aircraft warning lights were not working on the mast.
- 5 Gardening event May 2014 (Liz Mc Dermott)**
Liz McDermott (LMD) reported that all was fine. The Old Library at Shrewsbury House had been booked and the manager of Thompsons Garden Centre would talk about seasonal gardening. There would then be a question and answer session. LMD hoped to have some volunteers to help with sandwiches etc. LMD suggested that the Association made a small donation to Martin that he would then give to a charity of his choice. There was some debate on how much the donation should be and how it should be presented. It was decided that an association cheque would be made out to the charity of Martin's choice subject to agreement of the charity and the exact amount. LMD asked Alex Hayesmore (AH) to design the tickets.
- 6 Neighbourhood watch update. (Len Newland)**
Len Newland (LN) had just returned from a meeting attended by an Inspector, a sergeant, our usual officers, 13 committee members and Cllr Danny Thorpe. LN reported that burglary had risen, largely due to the time of year. The incident in Plum Lane on the night of Sunday 1st December was clearly of some concern. LN explained what had happened.
- 7 Planning matters.**
RM explained that in relation to the issue of Association involvement in planning matters he had received a letter from the RBG advising that this is solely the responsibility of the planning department. RM explained that RBG invite comments from SPRA on planning applications it receives relating to the Conservation Area. The SPRA is entitled to comment but is not permitted to contact residents or involve itself beyond this. This was go into the next newsletter. LMD also suggested this be mentioned in the new residents 'Welcome Pack'.
[REDACTED]-new driveway- positive comments
[REDACTED]-new windows-initially no plans were present. It was then unclear which plans were being proposed therefore no comment had been made.
[REDACTED]- new driveway-positive comments.



Planning matters (continued)

██████████-new windows-positive comments.

██████████ had made a number of applications going back several years. RBG had advised RM that they had been refused but had subsequently approved them. Clive Inglis (CI) reported that a skip lorry had destroyed the pavement outside the property. RM proposed to pursue the matter. It was proposed to submit a complaint if necessary. All agreed to this.

██████████-tree pruning-positive comments.

██████████-partial conversion of front garden to hardstanding-RBG had refused twice and this had now gone to appeal. The property already has a drive. All agreed the Association should pursue this matter.

There was debate on the matter of the house on the corner of Bushmoor Crescent. Martyn Kither (MK) felt that it shouldn't have been allowed as it sets a precedent. All agreed. It appeared that HM Inspectorate had 'directed' RBG's decision.

8 Shooters Hill and postcode.

This was a follow up to a conversation that had taken place after the previous meeting had finished relating to recognition of Shooters Hill as separate location to Plumstead or Woolwich. The SE18 postcode was also discussed. . Nick Fry (NF) explained that postcodes were dealt with by a department of the Post Office. LN had written from the Neighbourhood Watch perspective in the past for answers relating to changing of postcodes but the response wasn't very satisfactory. NF remarked that it can be done as the Olympic Park was given a new postcode. NF thought this was something we could change. There were several reason for pursuing this matter, not least as it recognised the existence of a historic and strategically important borough location

CH asked about the size of the area that would be affected. NF thought The Bull side of Shooters Hill down to Plumstead Common Road and Welling Way.

RM felt that there were two issues. Postcode was The Post Office and place name was RBG. NF suggested we start with RBG and local Councillors and see how much support we get. All agreed that this matter be pursued.



8 Any other business.

LMD reported that there was a petition going round Bushmoor Crescent relating to licensing at Shrewsbury House. CH asked about the committee's position on Shrewsbury House's licensing application. NF thought that the residents taking the petition round were those living closest to Shrewsbury House, he couldn't see there a problem with increasing the number of licensed nights from 6 to 12, the problem would come if the license conditions were breached. CI and LMD thought these residents should have come to the Association for assistance. There was some debate on the nature of the license. LN explained the situation regarding this. A licence is required if alcohol is being sold, there will be no alcohol on the premises only that which event organisers bring. He explained the background to the petition and felt that there wouldn't be the maximum number of events taking place as the demand just wasn't there.

LN suggested that as an Association Committee we write to Shrewsbury House management seeking clarification, he explained that RBG were due to send out letters to those who would be affected. It was agreed that LN would consult with Shrewsbury House and any clarification be published in an Association newsletter. RM would also write to RBG licensing committee stating that the Association should have been consulted as was agreed after the situation with the Golf Club.

John Field (JF) spoke about collection of subs. He hadn't got very far. CH to contact JF to arrange to collect together.

GT reported bags of dog excrement being left in Kinlet Road. RM would ask Cleansweep to pick rubbish when they come round the Estate.

LMD asked for clarification of subscription collection and felt this should be done in one sweep. Ralph Million (RHM) confirmed it should be done April-May. CH agreed with LMD regarding this being done in one sweep.

RHM reported that there were some broken Neighbourhood Watch signs. LN would obtain replacements and RM would survey where they were needed.

RM reported that he had requested that the oak tree in Plum Lane that had lost its crown in the October storm be retained if at all possible and requested a survey be undertaken of the other old oak.

The matter of a Green Flag for Shrewsbury Park was raised. CI reported that the Friends of Shrewsbury Park had looked into it, but there was an awful lot of paperwork and felt that the Association should talk to the Friends before proposing the park as a Green Flag candidate. There were two possible routes to achieve Green Flag.



8 Any other business. (continued)

One where all the work involved is managed and done by RBG and the other route led by a local community group. RM felt SPRA should ask RBG to lead on this as it didn't burden the Friends of group with any paperwork. All agreed it would be desirable for the park to have Green Flag as this would lead to continuing improvement. RM and CI would liaise on this.

AH wanted to discuss the dates for the next few meetings and the AGM. It was decided there would be committee meetings on Tuesday 11th March 2014, Tuesday 13th May 2014 and the AGM would be set for Thursday 19th June 2014 with 26th June as a fall back date.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.17

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 19.30.

Signed (Chair):

Date: