



## Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held in Room 12, Shrewsbury House  
at 19.30 on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012

### **Present:**

Robert Million (RM) Chair,  
Liz McDermott (LMD) Vice Chair,  
Alex Hayesmore (AH) Secretary,  
Ralph Million (RHM) Treasurer,  
Martyn Kither (MK),  
Leslie Smith (LS),  
Tania Smith (TS),  
Michael Wood (MW)

Item	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies for absence</b> RM (chair) began by welcoming TS to the committee. Apologies had been received from Monica Beck, Nicola Dennis and John Field.
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011</b> The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by RM.
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters arising.</b> RM had received an email from Jayne Otite expressing an interest in joining the Committee, RM had emailed back thanking Jayne but explaining that both the casual vacancies created by Chris Higgs and George Tutheridge's resignations had been filled. All other matters arising were covered under agenda headings.
<b>4</b>	<b>[REDACTED]</b> There had been no further update on this matter since the 'Stop Work Enforcement Notice' had been issued by the Royal Borough. RM had requested an update, but at the time of the meeting had not had a response. He felt it would take several months before evidence of enforcement was seen. Leslie Smith (LS) asked what the enforcement notice actually said, RM explained he hadn't seen a copy of it and asked Tania Smith (TS) if she thought it likely that the text of such a notice would be in the public domain. TS replied that was probably the case.



**4** [REDACTED] **(continued)**

The owners had been offered a meeting with the Association via the Shooters Hill Safer Neighbourhoods Team, but had declined. The PCSO's advised that the Association had done all it reasonably could by offering to meet to discuss the matter. TS also felt all that could, had been done for the time being and that the Royal Borough should respond the Associations request for an update.

**5** **2012 Olympics and Queen's Diamond Jubilee.**

This agenda item was to be discussed under item 8.

**6** **Brinklow Crescent junctions with Plum Lane.**

RM explained the situation so far to TS. He had attended a meeting of the Royal Borough's Highways Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and delivered a presentation against the double yellow lining of the above junction and suggesting advisory white lines. The chair of the Highways Committee agreed and rejected the double yellow lining proposal. Reinstatement of the original kerb lines remains the Association's objective and RM will continue to pursue.

**7** **Estate horticultural maintenance.**

A maintenance schedule had been agreed, Cleansweep had now commenced the work and the Estate was beginning to look much better. Liz McDermott (LMD) reported a lot of positive feedback from residents. Beds have been weeded and litter removed etc. Maintenance of the shrub bed flanking Plum Lane and Mereworth drive had also been started. Martyn Kither (MK) reported that there was still a metal telegraph pole stay in the corner shrub bed in Bushmoor Crescent. There was some debate over responsibility for this, but it was decided that MK would report it to British Telecom and request its removal. LS suggested another shrub inspection during the summer when things were in leaf, this was agreed. RM had agreed in principle with the Royal Borough a process of gradually replacing lost shrubs or tired looking sections of bed. MK felt this was a significant achievement. LS asked if it was known how much the shrubs were costing. RM replied that it wasn't, but looking at the list it would be considerable, probably running to several thousand pounds for the plants and labour. Residents will be asked to keep an eye on the new shrubs, watering etc. An item regarding the shrubs will be put on the AGM agenda.



**8 'Fun on the Hill' Fete.**

LMD reported that the date of the fete was Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012. This would celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and a summer pre-Olympic event. A working group had been assembled with Shrewsbury House and it would be a joint event hosted by the Association and Shrewsbury House. LMD gave all a list of planned events/activities, requested help from the Committee and suggestions for other activities, stalls etc. RM suggested a list of the work that would need to be done, LMD agreed to compile this. LMD also explained the need for a 'rainy day' plan. LS suggested a resident of Plum Lane for plants etc. LMD thought Shrewsbury House would be contacting him as the Fuchsia Society meet there. TS suggested widening the catchment area via the Shooters Hill area Neighbourhood Watch website.

Ralph Million, Treasurer (RHM) asked about funding and return from any outlay. LMD explained that various options were being considered, such as charging for certain activities or a gate fee. RHM suggested that if people wanted to sell home-made produce they could hire a table. LMD is to have another meeting with the group from Shrewsbury House the following week.

RHM asked about information for residents who wanted to organise street parties for the Diamond Jubilee. RM replied that such information had gone into the previous newsletter and that it would be repeated in the next one.

**9 Simon Heywood's letters.**

The Committee had responded to Simon Heywood in a letter addressing the issues raised. LS was concerned that the letter had been sent without taking into account his comments. Alex Hayesmore, Secretary (AH) apologised, explaining that there had been numerous threads of comments from the committee and it had become very complicated. TS was brought up to date on the matter. AH explained he would not be bullied or abused and would not be responding to Mr Heywood's demand for Committee minutes to be sent to him due to his bullying and threatening behaviour. However the past two years minutes were now available on the Association's website. It appeared the group that Mr Heywood represented had now accepted the Committees argument that the forum for them to put their case was at the AGM.



10 **Association Vision**  
**Plum Lane project**

RM reminded all that he had wanted to re-consult on this. AH reported that the response in Plum Lane had been positive, however there had been one negative response accompanied by a letter outlining the reasons. These concerns would need addressing. AH handed the response slips to RM. RM felt that the scheme could be modified to accommodate the issues raised and would contact the householder to discuss.

**Oak post Estate entry treatment**

RM had discussed the final detail with the Royal Borough; all aspects had been approved other than pavement markings for the exact locations. RM showed TS an illustration of what the posts would look like. Both TS and LMD felt that there should be a plaque on them when they go in even if this was initially a temporary one. RM drew a ground plan showing the locations and explained that they will be untreated oak that will darken with age as with the original gateposts on the Estate.

**Succession tree planting**

RM outlined this matter to TS. Further trees would be planted in the autumn as per the Associations vision.

**Street name plates & lamp columns**

The Royal Borough's position is that there isn't the funding for this and that signs would be replaced on an as needed basis. RM will write to the Royal Borough requesting priority for this conservation area.

**Succession shrub planting**

RM had outline agreement in principle from the Royal Borough for funding, and this would be managed by RM. TS suggested a letter of thanks when completed.

11 **Planning matters- Conservation Area Character Appraisal**

RM had noted all comments from committee members regarding the Conservation Area Character Appraisal document and had emailed them to the Royal Borough. RM was keen to get this document in place as the planning guidelines could not be updated without the Character Appraisal being in place.

RM proposed Conservation Area signs on lampposts and at the Estate entrances and had sent some designs to the Royal Borough.

██████████-removal of conifer from front garden and planting of a replacement tree -supported.

██████████ Replacement of front door-supported.

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



**11 Planning matters (continued)**

██████████ and ██████████ had incorrect front doors. RM had emailed the Royal Borough asking them to contact him to ensure that the correct style of door was designed and fitted, he had received no response, so had contacted Apollo directly and correct measurements had been obtained.

LS and TS felt that the fact that these houses are in a Conservation Area should be in the Royal Borough's records.

██████████, two storey side extension- not supported and has now gone to appeal.

██████████ also wants a two storey extension, replacement of roof tiles, installation of an original bay window to rear and the removal of front garden wall to replace with hedges. RM felt that many aspects of this application should be supported but the two storey side extension was inappropriate, all agreed.

TS added that she felt the Conservation Guidelines need to balance the key characteristics of the area with modern equivalents.

**12 Shrewsbury House Grade II Listing**

RHM left the room to avoid a conflict of interest.

The process of nomination of Shrewsbury House for grade II listing had led English Heritage (EH) to look into other historical aspects of the area that were highlighted in the Channel 4 Time Team episode "Blitzkrieg on Shooters Hill" for example the wartime bunkers on the Estate.

RM explained that EH would contact Shrewsbury House and the Royal Borough regarding the nomination.

RHM was invited to return to the room.

**13 Association subscriptions collection**

RHM reported that with receipt of the subscriptions for 2011-2012, the balance of funds was now £1400. RHM felt that as some streets were collected so late this year we should phase collection for 2012-2013. RHM mentioned subscription levels. The consensus was that they should stay at the existing level until some of the current projects within the Association Vision were completed. LMD asked about printing and RHM confirmed this is paid for out of Association funds, LMD requested further sets of the 'Welcome Pack'.



**14 Any other business**

LS asked about the next newsletter, RM confirmed it was in preparation.

AH asked all present to fill in the gaps in the Committee contact list.

LMD reported that new Neighbourhood Watch signs were needed. RM would contact Len Newland as more would need to be purchased

TS mentioned that the street nameplate in the Cul-de-Sac had either gone or was overgrown and requested that RM mention it to the Royal Borough as and when funding was available. This refers back to Item 10.

LMD asked if the Committee should consider doing something special at the AGM to mark the Diamond Jubilee. RHM felt this was better done on the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

TS wondered if any residents had photos of past Jubilee celebrations, LMD suggested that a request go into the newsletter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:24

**Date of next meeting, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 at 19.30. AH to arrange.**

Signed: (Chair)

Date: