



## Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held in Room 10, Shrewsbury House  
at 19.30 on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

### **Present:**

Robert Million (RM) Chair,  
Liz McDermott (LMD) Vice Chair  
Alex Hayesmore (AH) Secretary  
Ralph Million (RHM) Treasurer,  
Monica Beck (MB)  
Leslie Smith (LS)

Item	Action
<b>1 Apologies for absence</b> Robert Million (RM) chair began by welcoming Monica Beck to the committee and making introductions. Apologies had been received from Nicola Dennis.	
<b>2 Minutes of last meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011</b> The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by RM.	
<b>3 Matters arising.</b> Matters arising were covered under agenda headings.	
<b>4</b> [REDACTED] A serious conflict of the planning rules had arisen in relation to the front gardens at the above addresses. RM had notified the council to report the matter, further to a number of telephone calls from concerned residents. A 'stop work' enforcement notice had been issued as the beginning of enforcement proceedings. At the time of the meeting it was unclear how the Council's enforcement action would proceed. RM had received a letter from one of the owners, who said he didn't know about the Conservation Area. LMD confirmed that an Association Welcome Pack had been put through his door; this contains all the information about the Conservation Area. All felt that he would also have been made aware during conveyancing and through planning notifications on lampposts and local newspapers. RM was to propose a meeting between the owner, himself; LMD and Martyn Kither (MK) to discuss the situation.	



- 5 2012 Olympics and Queen's Diamond Jubilee.**  
RM asked the committee if it thought the Association should organise something for these events. LMD suggested we arrange something in conjunction with Shrewsbury House Community Centre and suggest in a newsletter that residents may wish to arrange their own street parties with the committee organising a Jubilee Tea at Shrewsbury House. The committee will liaise with Shrewsbury House to make the arrangements. Ralph Million (RHM) suggested that Shrewsbury House may only be open on the Saturday. LMD felt that the Olympics would have ample coverage and perhaps the Association should limit itself to information provision via the Neighbourhood Watch blog
- 6 Equestrian centre update.**  
LMD reported that this proposal was passed despite significant opposition and formal objections, including from the Association We will just have to wait and see what impact this has. The matter had been passed to The Secretary of State.
- 7 Fire station mast update.**  
Retrospective planning permission for Orange's equipment had now been granted at appeal. RM felt that the Association should continue to fight against additional equipment being placed on the mast and push for its eventual decommissioning and removal from the Conservation Area
- 8 Brinklow Crescent junction with Plum Lane, yellow lining**  
As agreed at the AGM the Association had requested the Council re-instate the original kerb lines. The council had written back proposing yellow lines around the junction. RM has been in contact with the resident of 207 and 209 Plum Lane and had outlined the Associations' position. The Association will continue to pursue this matter.
- 9 Request for donation to SPRA NW scheme.**  
Len Newland (LN) had written to RM, LMD, and RHM requesting a fifty pound donation towards the cost of an evening meeting with the local police. LMD had no objection and RHM felt this was acceptable as covering LN's expenses. The Committee agreed to this donation, and would notify Len of this decision regarding his out of pocket expenses.



**10 Request for Extraordinary General Meeting.**

Alex Hayesmore (AH), Secretary read out a letter received from Simon Heywood requesting an EGM to 're-energise the Association Committee'. The Committee could see no reason to hold such a meeting as all the matters raised were already being properly addressed by the Committee. Concern was also expressed at the nature of the letter which seemed to be a personal attack on the chair, in particular the procedurally incorrect requirement for the EGM to be chaired by a person other than RM. The Committee felt this aspect of the request to be unacceptable.

**11 Association Vision**

**Plum Lane project**

RM will reissue the original consultation letter to addresses in Plum Lane, with a tear off slip to be returned to the Secretary.

**Oak post Estate entry treatment**

It was agreed to proceed, buy the posts and get the Council to install them. Former Committee member Chris Higgs had objected to the posts. Leslie Smith (LS) asked if the posts had been there originally, RM confirmed that posts were an original feature of the Estate.

**Succession tree planting**

RM had written to Greenwich Council who had agreed in principal to plant some trees at the end of 2012. RM will write again in midsummer to agree details.

**Street name plates & lamp columns**

RM had a meeting with Cllr Hyland regarding replacement of street name plates with new Royal Borough coat of arms. These would only be replaced on an as needed basis. RM had requested that Conservation Areas be prioritised for new signage. There was nothing further to report on the lamp columns, other than ornamental heads could be attached to the existing columns

**12 Planning matters**

At the Associations' request Greenwich Council had prioritised the re-consulting of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal as the appraisal document needs to be in place before a much needed revision to the planning guidelines can take place. [REDACTED] has made an application for a two storey extension. LMD had prepared an objection; most of the residents around the property were also unhappy with the application. RM had sent a letter objecting on behalf of the Association.



**13 Shrewsbury House grade II listing**

As agreed LMD had taken some photographs and RM had emailed them to English Heritage (EH). He had also asked EH if they were interested in the ARP bungalow, the WWII communications bunker on the Estate and the Gas Decontamination unit and ARP station just off the Estate. EH replied that they were interested in photographs pertaining to the Laing Estate. LMD explained it would be very difficult to get images of good quality. RM felt that the quality didn't matter providing the images show sufficient detail. LMD will try to take suitable photographs to send to English Heritage.

**14 Association subscriptions collection**

Ralph Million (RHM) and LS believe they have collected as much as they can from all streets except Kinlet Road. LS to collect subs from Kinlet Road.

**15 Any other business**

RM had been negotiating for funding resources to be directed to the Laing Estate for the maintenance of the beds and verges. RM reported that Cleansweep had written back with the agreed programme for shrub bed maintenance. RM had asked if resources could be found to replace shrubs that had been lost, this was looking hopeful and RM was optimistic the Estate would be getting some new shrubs. Parks and Open Spaces will undertake pruning. The arrangements for the maintenance will be published in the next newsletter.

LMD mentioned the email from LN pertaining to the reinstated duck pond in Eaglesfield Park and hoped the anti-social behaviour that affected it in the past wouldn't resume.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:47

**Date of next meeting, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012. AH to arrange.**

Signed: (Chair)

Date: