



Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held in Room 3, Shrewsbury House
at 19.30 on the 12th March 2013

Present:

Robert Million (RM) Chair,
Liz McDermott (LMD) Vice Chair,
Alex Hayesmore (AH) Secretary,
Ralph Million (RHM) Treasurer,
Len Newland (LN), NW Area Co-ordinator,
Nicola Dennis (ND),
Simon Heywood (SH),
Chris Higgs (CH),
Clive Inglis (CI),
Martyn Kither (MK),
Leslie Smith (LS),
George Tutheridge (GT),
Michael Wood (MW)

Item	Action
1	Welcome and apologies for absence
	Robert Million (RM) began by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from John Field and Tania Smith.
2	Minutes of last meeting held 4th December 2012
	Simon Heywood (SH) presented a list of requested amendments. A vote was held on each amendment and each was voted against. Chris Higgs (CH) requested an amendment to the last sentence of Item 4. Once the reason for this request was established it was agreed that this sentence should be deleted.
3	Matters arising.
	Len Newland spoke out against the SPESHIG campaign fronted by SH and strongly questioned the tenability of SH's position on the committee. LN stated that he thought SH should resign. RM stated that he was still waiting for an apology from SH for his actions that members of the committee had requested at the last meeting. After a lengthy pause there was no response from SH to this statement. When this lack of response was questioned, SH embarked on a long statement at how he disagreed with the minutes of the last



meeting etc and in summary how he felt strongly vindicated in his actions as a 'substantial body of people among residents supported what he had done.' RM reminded SH that he had misled residents some of whom had been taken in by his misleading leaflets and had responded accordingly. RM stated that he had received a number of reports that his misleading information had been reinforced by further misinformation delivered face to face, when collecting signatures. SH stated that Robert's advice to residents regarding the CAMS had been 'misleading'. He added that as a result of his campaign we now had 'clear advice from the council'. RM emphasised that the Royal Borough had stated that the CAMS did not propose to change the situation within the conservation area and that during the consultation period RBG had stated that comments received from residents would be taken into account. RM added that SH's efforts to stir up resentment on the Estate were very damaging. RM reminded SH that some SPESHIG representatives claimed to be from the SPRA or used their SPRA committee status as a way of trying to give their actions credibility. Further, that it had also been pointed out to committee members by residents that SPESHIG petition documentation had the appearance of SPRA documentation.

Liz McDermott (LMD) said that despite having had the inaccuracies in the SPESHIG petition documentation brought to his attention at the last meeting, SH had not addressed these inaccuracies and the circulation of petition leaflets and the petitioning had continued. It had been reported to several members of the Committee that some elderly residents felt pestered to the extent that they were intimidated, worried and reluctant to open their door. LMD added that SH was pursuing a personal agenda intended to undermine the chair and the committee as 'Re-energise' had done previously. LMD further stated that in her opinion he was not working for the benefit of the Association and requested his resignation from the committee. Martyn Kither (MK) and LN agreed. LN added that SH's defence of his position was complete nonsense when we all had the documentary evidence of the outcome of his campaign. SH retorted that he represented a substantial body of opinion.

LN made a proposal that SH be banned from serving on the committee, saying it had become obvious that SH would not be able to work constructively with the current committee, this was verbally endorsed by the majority of the committee.



RM reminded SH of the basis under which he and other members of 'Re-energise' had joined the Committee at the AGM which was to work with the Committee, not against it.

Nicola Dennis (ND) said that nobody wanted this negativity and that it was terrible that SH had used the words he had [in his letter to Cllr Hyland and the Ward Cllrs] when talking of the committee of which he was a member. She added that he needed to think carefully about trying to juggle serving on a committee whilst following his own agenda.

RM felt that SH was continually looking to find ways to criticise and undermine members of the committee and the Chair.

Clive Inglis (CI) asked SH why he was on the committee if he knew he couldn't work constructively with it. SH replied that he was there to provide 'good and proper advice.' LMD responded that she thought this statement demonstrated extraordinary arrogance.

Ralph Million (RHM) thought that despite SH's interpretation of the Royal Borough's response to the petition contained in the Council Agenda of March 6th, there was essentially nowhere further to go with this matter and that SH should draw a line under the matter and begin to serve constructively on the committee. SH insisted the matter was not at an end and would offer no such undertaking.

There was some discussion over the rules of the Association and how a committee member may be removed or a member of the Association expelled. A number of rules were discussed, including Rule 7 and 48 both of which provided the scope. SH said that he preferred rule 33 to be used. As required by Rule 7 or 33, notice was given to SH. SH was also advised that a meeting would be convened a week later. The meeting was adjourned by RM to re-convene on Tuesday 19th March at 19.30 in Room 3, Shrewsbury House. The first item on the agenda to be SH's conduct as a member of the Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association and his future involvement with the SPRA and a vote to be taken on the resulting resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 20.05

Date of next meeting Tuesday 19th March 2013 at 19.30, Room 3, Shrewsbury House