



Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held in Room 3, Shrewsbury House
at 19.30 on the 12th May 2015

Present:

Robert Million (RM) Chair,
Len Newland (LN), Vice Chair and SPRA NW Area Co-ordinator,
Alex Hayesmore (AH) Secretary,
Ralph Million (RHM) Treasurer,
Nicola Dennis (ND),
Martyn Kither,
Ian Robert.

Item	Action
1	Welcome and apologies for absence. The Chair, Robert Million (RM) began by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from John Field, Nick Fry, Clive Inglis and Liz McDermott.
2	Minutes of last meeting held 17th March 2015 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair (RM).
3	Matters arising. RM reported that CI had emailed details of The Shrewsbury Park Summer Festival. Cleansweep were still looking for a replacement for Wendy. Martyn Kither (MK) and Len Newland (LN) thought the Estate could be equally well served with a team. RM had also spoken to the Royal Borough's arboricultural team regarding the problem Sycamores in the rear garden of 28 Mereworth Drive. There was discussion concerning an anonymous letter that RM had received concerning several potential planning issues. There then followed a discussion about non-permanent structures. MK believed there to be legal height restrictions on such structures. John Field (JF) was going to research this. RM had looked up the development on the corner of Eaglesfield Road and Shooters Hill. It was to be a development of flats "in keeping" with the adjacent houses on Shooters Hill.



3 Matters arising (continued)

RM had written to Eric Pickles who at the time was the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in support of 'Greenwich Time'. He had received a reply setting out Government objections to the publication. LN explained about the Mayor's Parlour, this was a tour around Woolwich Town Hall, with tea and cakes etc. Ten people had expressed an interest. Unfortunately LN had been admitted to hospital. This event could happen on another date.

4 Association Vision update-Plum Lane Shrub Bed update

RM was awaiting a response from the Highways department regarding the new shrub beds in Plum Lane. He had written to the nine households at 183 to 199 Plum Lane asking for their opinions on the proposal to create shrub beds outside these properties. There was significant support for the proposals with 7 households in favour. There had been non responses from 2 households. MK asked about the narrow width of the pavement at this part of Plum Lane. RM explained that the shrub beds would be narrower than those on the rest of Plum Lane. Nicola Dennis (ND) remarked how nice the shrub beds looked along the section of Plum Lane already planted. It was agreed to proceed with the installation of narrow beds to the remainder of Plum Lane outside 183 to 199 Plum Lane and within the boundaries of the estate. Tree Planting-RM would contact Bob Charlton with requests for further tree planting. ND asked if the variety of new shrub planting could be wider. RM replied that shrubs were chosen to be low maintenance, and suitable for hedge trimmer pruning techniques. Low growing shrubs were planted in Plum Lane and that there was more variety to the inner roads of the Estate, including flowering shrubs, such as Viburnum

5 Arrangements for AGM

LN apologised that he couldn't collect subscriptions for Bushmoor Crescent as his health wasn't good. Ralph Million (RHM) said he would email Nick Fry (NF) asking if he would be able to undertake some collecting. There was a discussion regarding collection of subs. ND would collect Kinlet Road, Ian Robert (IR) would collect the even numbers in Ashridge Crescent. RHM would ask NF and Clive Inglis (CI) to collect Bushmoor Crescent between them. RM asked if all committee members were prepared to stand again. All were. Alex Hayesmore (AH) would organise the glasses. RM would purchase the refreshment, he would also ask Liz McDermott (LMD) to organise the raffle. RHM asked about guest speakers. LN had invited the local Police and Ward Councillors.



5 Arrangements for AGM (continued)

RM would invite Olivier Tang and Daniel Tahsin to give a presentation on the Royal Borough's Waste Strategy to the AGM. LN mentioned collection of subs on the night. It was agreed procedures would be in place for this. AH would request the room be set up widthways, with the meeting facing the fireplace.

6 Neighbourhood watch update. (Len Newland)

LN reported that it had been very quiet recently. There are 17 wide area Neighbourhood Watch groups in Greenwich; they are trying to arrange that all these groups meet up within a similar time frame. There were currently 213 email addresses on LN's email list; these included Police, councillors, other NHW groups as well as residents. LN felt the communication cross-over was working quite well. NHW schemes now covered the whole Shooters Hill area. RM asked if LN was able to identify Laing residents in the email list. LN replied that he couldn't, he also strived to maintain anonymity.

7 Planning matters.

██████████ - Two storey extension-opposed-application refused by RBG.

██████████ -Solar Panels-opposed-gone to appeal-no decision at time of meeting.

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MK asked about the installation of artificial grass. RM explained that he had a meeting with planning at RBG and a number of matters had been discussed including artificial grass. RBG will be looking into the matter. RM has asked RBG to feed back to central government on this development.

Replacement planning guidelines are still in production. RM had also raised the issue of consistency of decisions for matters such as drives which are outlined in the planning comments sent by the committee. IR felt it should be about being sympathetic to surroundings. MK said it was about continuity. RM replied that this had been said by the Association.



8 Collection of subscriptions

This had been covered under agenda item 5. RHM had draft copies of the accounts. The balance was steadily being added to. Two shrubs beds had been installed in Plum Lane during the year. RM reported there were more NHW signs to go up, but he'd run out of cable ties. MK volunteered to help RM put them up and would obtain a cable tie gun to make them more secure. All subs collected would now come under the next financial year.

9 Any other business

IR asked about publication of the next newsletter. RM asked LN about this being printed at the Golf Club. IR said he had access to printing facilities and RM agreed to get a PDF to him.

LN had a letter on draft local information requirements list. ND asked what this was. RM and LN explained. RM was going to check over the list.

ND asked about the bunkers in various gardens including in [REDACTED] Ashridge Crescent. These are not currently locally listed. LN explained that they had been considered by English Heritage but not listed when Shrewsbury House was Grade II listed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.43

Date of next meeting, AGM Thursday 18th June 2015 at 19:30

Signed (Chair):

Date: