



Shrewsbury Park Residents' Association

Minutes of the committee meeting held in Room 3, Shrewsbury House
at 19.30 on the 17th March 2015

Present:

Robert Million (RM) Chair,
Len Newland (LN), Vice Chair and SPRA NW Area Co-ordinator,
Liz McDermott (LMD), Vice Chair
Alex Hayesmore (AH) Secretary,
Ralph Million (RHM) Treasurer,
Nicola Dennis (ND),
Clive Inglis (CI),
Martyn Kyther,
Ian Robert.

Item	Action
1	Welcome and apologies for absence.
	The Chair, Robert Million (RM) began by welcoming everyone to the meeting and Lorena Walpole (LW) to the committee. Apologies had been received from Nick Fry and John Field. In view of the guests from The Royal Borough of Greenwich, Item 5 of the Agenda was brought forward.
5	RBG Waste Strategy Consultation (RBG's Daniel Tahsin/Olivier Tang)
	RM welcomed RBG guests to the Committee meeting and everyone introduced themselves. RM outlined that the Royal Borough was consulting on a new municipal waste strategy for the borough and handed over to the guests to explain further. Daniel Tahsin (DT) and Olivier Tang (OT) thanked everyone for being invited. The new municipal waste strategy would last for the next 10 years. A document to be produced will set out current measures and key challenges for the future. There will be aspirational goals which will be informed by consultation with residents. The committee expressed the view that they thought current systems were very good and weekly collections should definitely remain at the heart of the service. The committee thought the recycling service was very good and most of the waste went into the blue bin.



5 **RBG Waste Strategy Consultation (continued)**

Len Newland (LN) said that the bins had been emptied even on a strike day and that the response to fly tipping was also very good. Nicola Dennis (ND) wondered what could be done to encourage more recycling amongst residents who weren't recycling all that could be.

Ian Robert (IR) asked if people were notified of the recycling scheme when they moved in. OT explained that the information was in Greenwich Time.

Ralph Million (RHM) thought it would be good if there were more things that could be collected. OT replied this was something they were working on although RBG did offer a bulky item service for £10 and item, they would also remove small electrical items with the weekly collection if notified in advance.

RHM also mentioned the co-ordination of rubbish collection and street sweeping. OT replied this was being looked into. IR asked what the top problems were in the borough. DT and OT replied that incorrect sorting of rubbish could cause contamination of loads, and, a lack of incentive for people who are not recycling.

LN asked about RBG having to save millions of pounds. OT believed that savings could be made by encouraging people to recycle more.

Liz McDermott (LMD) thought advising people that costs could go up if they didn't recycle would encourage them to recycle more.

LN thought there could be a division between those who could and couldn't recycle, for example those in blocks of flats etc.

RM suggested that the size of the black bin be reduced to encourage recycling. DT explained that RBG policy was to collect black bags regardless of them being in a black bin. DT asked the committee what its priorities were. The consensus was the mixed recycling and incentivising more people to do so and continuing with weekly collections. DT and OT said that so far encouragement had been focussed on households who only have a black bin.

LN referred to the corn-starch bags that are available from RBG at cheaper prices than in the shops. OT explained that RBG sold them to residents at cost price.

DT explained about the other services the council offers including collection of textiles. RM thought it would be useful to put this information in an upcoming Association newsletter. OT and DT said they would get the information to RM.



5 RBG Waste Strategy Consultation (continued)

Clive Inglis (CI) asked about disposing of old tins of paint etc. OT and DT explained that RBG would not dispose of tins that had any residual paint in, but if it was completely empty it could go in the recycling. The Corporation of the City of London provided a London wide service to dispose of left over paint.

ND asked about videos on RBG's website showing what happened to the recycling once it's been collected. DT said they wanted to do this but were unable to embed the video.

LMD spoke about educating children about waste in schools and also reminded everyone that not every has access to a computer.

CI asked about disposal of aerosols. DT and OT answered they could be put in the mixed recycling. OT said that if anyone thought of further questions they could email them. OT briefly explained to ND how the recycling machine works and in response to CI's question explained that only a very small proportion on the contents of black bins and bags go to landfill, the majority goes to SELCHP. OT explained that RBG was looking at ways of extracting more re-useable materials from things like mattresses. RM thanked OT and DT for attending the Committee. OT and DT then left the meeting.

2 Minutes of last meeting held 2nd December 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair (RM).

3 Matters arising.

RM thanked Lorena Walpole for her time on the committee. He also thanked LMD and LN for printing of the new welcome packs.

RM reported that LN had received an award for community services. The committee congratulated him.

LMD asked if there had been any news about a replacement for the Cleansweep gardener, Wendy. RM would make further enquiries.

LN asked RHM about collections of subscriptions from Bushmoor Crescent. RHM said he knew how much money he had received but he was unaware of funds collected that had not been passed to him. There was a query about the front door at 191 Plum Lane, RM was conferring on this with council officers. IR asked about the background to this. RM explained.

LMD also asked about the fourth sycamore tree at 28 Mereworth Drive that RBG had agreed to remove. RM said it was on his list of matters to attend to.



4 Association Vision update

The new shrub bed outside 217 Plum Lane had been installed. Feedback had been positive with local residents very pleased. LN said it was looking good.

The next phase would be a further bed outside 207 Plum Lane.

LN asked what was to be done about continuing the beds further down Plum Lane toward the park. RM explained that it was the intention to continue beds. The pavement ended at the park entrance. A bed between the park entrance and the junction with Mereworth Drive should enhance this part of the Estate. CI felt it should be pursued. RM said residents of 183 to 199 Plum Lane would be consulted. The proposed bed would be no wider than a paving slab and would be planted with low growing shrubs and the existing posts would remain. It was agreed to proceed. RM to draft and distribute a consultation letter.

6 Neighbourhood watch update. (Len Newland)

LN reported that there was a meeting coming up in a couple of weeks. The area had a full complement of police. PCSO Kevin Denny had left. There was now a Sergeant, 2 Police Constables, and 3 PCSO's. There was one regular Police Constable and one regular PCSO, others may be re-deployed. LN had been informed of break-ins. Police procedure is now to knock on 16 doors in the vicinity of a crime and the police have been surprised by the number of people who'd seen something suspicious but didn't then report it.

7 Planning matters.

There was a meeting imminent with RBG Planning Officers. RM asked if other committee colleagues were able to attend.

The new planning guidelines were still in production. RM had been asked to highlight some good examples of typical original features and good examples of in-keeping replacements for inclusion in the document.

RM had asked for a preview copy of the draft. If supplied he would pass onto the committee.

There had been several applications for comment, agreed as follows:



7 Planning matters (continued)

██████████-Block Paving –Opposed

██████████-Replacement Windows-Supported

██████████-Tree felling-Opposed

██████████-Tree pruning-Supported

██████████-single storey rear extension-Supported

██████████-two storey side extension-opposed

There was a further application that had yet to be commented on.

8 Homes on Shooters Hill.

RM was going to ask Nick Fry to take this forward due to workload and family commitments. This was agreed by the committee.

9 Any other business

LN spoke about the Mayor's Parlour. He had about 10 people interested.

It was reported that at the Mereworth Drive roundabout two houses were leaving their wheelie bins in the road all week. LN said RBG dealt with this via Highways enforcement. LN offered to contact RBG regarding blocking the highway.

RM reported that he had received an anonymous letter that referred to works at 18 Mereworth drive and also a tall child's playhouse further down that was out of keeping. The letter also asked RM if he had access to the council conservation team. As the letter was anonymous he was, of course, unable to reply.

Martyn Kither believed there were height restrictions even to non-permanent structures. RM would make some general enquiries.

LMD asked what was finally being built on the corner of Eaglesfield Road and Shooters Hill. None of the committee knew and RM said that the Association wouldn't have been consulted.

IR said the council planning portal should have that information.

RM thought that Greenwich Time was a useful publication. RM asked the committee if it would support him writing to Eric Pickles in support of Greenwich Time. This was agreed.



9 Any other business (continued)

LMD asked about the Old Fire Station Mast. RM would be raising it at the planning meeting.

RHM asked about subs collection and volunteers to collect

LN and Jean Newland- Bushmoor Crescent

CI-Plum Lane

RHM and RM- Ashridge Crescent

John Field-Kinlet Road

MK and LMD- Mereworth Drive

RHM had receipt books and would email the slips to put through the door.

ND agreed to collect half of Kinlet Road if JF couldn't.

RHM thought it would be a good idea to get a newsletter out before collecting subs.

LMD and IR volunteered to deliver newsletters.

RM thought he could get a newsletter out by early-May.

RHM asked about the gas mains work in Kinlet Road that seemed to have stopped. RM hoped they weren't going to dig where they'd marked due to oak posts, shrub beds etc. He would add this to his list for discussion with the Highways Department

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.58

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 19:30

Signed (Chair):

Date: