

Minutes of Riverside Avenue residents association Held at Broxbourne Rowing Club 24th April 2014

Present: Dave Hughes, Phil Summerlin, Linda Payne, Elka Bhatt, Sandra Callear, Kay Mingay, Rob Irwin, Darren Payne, Residents as per register taken on the night.

Apologies: none from the committee

Minutes from previous meeting :

No matters outstanding

Flooding

A discussion was had regarding the recent winter and the nation wide flooding. The committee said how useful it would be to have emergency mobile contact numbers for all residents in case their premises were the subject of flooding. It would also be helpful to have email addresses to keep residents informed of local issues quickly. Residents were encouraged to provide these details in the contact register by the door.

Funds

Linda presented the accounts which equate as:

- Starting Balance from Previous Association = £2659.84
- Total banked from residents from May 2012 = £4620
- Total banked Balance as of 19th April 2014 = £6991.56
- Total Outstanding from Residents to Date = £2580.00

Of the 60 residents, outstanding balance is broken down as follows:

11 owe £120 (full amount)

4 owe £90

14 owe £60

4 owe £30

- 64% of total due has been paid
- 36% remains unpaid
- Next payment due date 20/05/14
- Money paid out = £379.20 up to Dec 13 (road signs, salt, hire of rowing club etc)

It was pointed out that of those who had not paid some had indicated that they would pay their share of the repairs when completed.

Road repairs

Road repairs were discussed at length and many varied points were raised on the pro and cons of the proposed repair works. It was felt that getting an independent surveyor would be the best option but we were unwilling to spend money on something that reduced funds required for repairs. However Alison knows a friend who is a surveyor and it was felt that we could possibly impose upon him to do a quick examination and get some good free advice.

The question of whether the repairs were really necessary was raised and it was agreed that no decision on getting repairs undertaken would be made without getting the agreement of the majority of the residents.

Drains

The subject of the pumping station problems was highlighted to residents and it was explained that our complaint is still outstanding with the Consumer Council for Water and we will not allow it to be closed until we are satisfied that the pumping station is reliable.

Chimes

It seems that the date for comments on The Chimes has already passed but the application still has to go before the council planning committee.

The committee reaffirmed their stance on The Chimes; i.e we could not be seen to be either endorsing or opposing the application as an organisation, we would simply present the facts and the information in as simple and convenient way as we could, it would be down to individual members to make up their own minds about rejecting or supporting the plans.

Speeding

Further to last years meeting when it was decided to just monitor the speeding situation it was felt that the matter needs a more robust action plan. Some residents were in favour of delivering a petition to the offenders but it was decided to contact the worst offenders and ask them politely to please monitor the speed of their vehicle whilst driving in the avenue. The committee will produce a suitable letter at the next committee meeting.

Elections

The residents re-elected most of the committee to stand again for another year. The committee has changed slightly because of members resigning, but now is as follows:

Dave Hughes – Chairman
Phil Summerlin – Deputy Chairman
Alison Carey- Secretary
Linda Payne – Treasurer
Elka Bhatt – Committee
Darren Payne- Committee
Kay Mingay - Committee
Rob Irwin – Committee
Doug Ball - Committee

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1. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed (approximately 12 months from 24th April 2014)