



WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Kingswood Residents Association

KRA Meeting
Monday 6 January 2014

Present: Arthur, Mary, Beryl, Joy, Barbara, Andy, Tim, Averil, Keith, Derek, Glen, Jean-Michel, Mel, John, Sue, Sam

Apologies: Ken, Shirley, Emma, Marissa, Pat

It was asked if the AGM was at the school.

John said we would implement new procedures by having action points.

Matters Arising

Action

Tim was asked if there was any more on the parking at the shops. The layout at present appears to be the best option. Trees would have to be removed to add further parking. What about the other side of North Approach, opposite the flats? Derek to investigate.

Derek

The disabled bay causes a problem when trying to open the car door as a bollard is in the way.

Service road repairs – liaison is still ongoing.

Fly tipping appears to have stopped.

Pavement in Greenwood Drive – is this the finished surface? Derek said yes.

The state of the pavement in Fern Way mentioned and Derek said that to do this would take his entire annual budget.

Potholes – there are some very bad areas on the estate. Derek said the handling of this was not good.

Why were so many trees being cut down – due to storm damage.

Chairman

I have left my job so can devote more time to the KRA.

Tim asked about fly tipping and are we going to do the signs. Yes. A letter is required from the KRA to the Council. John to visit residents to see if they are happy to have poles on their land.

John

Facebook has 462 members.

Speed survey results – Derek reported that the survey had been done as a result of the accident outside the school and it shows that speeds are high particularly going towards Leavesden Green. There was not a lot of support for speed bumps. Thinking about Drive Safe, residents could be trained to use speed guns by the police.

Sue to invite Claire Ramirez to the AGM

Sue

County is look again at a 20mph zone.

Surgeries – suggested to Keith to have an evening surgery with the Councillors. It could be one a month with one councillor attending on a rotating basis. Perhaps to discuss at the AGM.

The AGM is confirmed as 11 March 2014 at 7.30pm.

Action

Agenda to be same as last year. Sue to prepare and invite police, school heads and Dorothy Thornhill. Sue
Possibly invite Chairs from other Associations. Mel
Venue – possibly Kingsway Junior School – to be confirmed.
Accounts required for the newsletter.
There will be a presentation to the winner of the photographic competition.
Thanks to Glen for his efforts on this month's newsletter.

Vice Chair

Nothing to report.

Planning and Information

Beryl reports nothing at the moment.

Secretary

Nothing to report.

Treasurer

Balance is £6,811.81

Membership stands at 683

If anyone is running any event or requires funds, please complete the form that can be obtained from Jean-Michel.

Fundraising

All OK

Editor

Xmas party. – My Garston to be in touch with John for his comments.

Deadline for newsletter is 24 January.

Spring trip – is this members only?

Social

John mentioned a dinner dance and all seemed in favour. The White House was suggested – it could hold approx 140 seated.

Have we paid Pat for the driver? Yes.

John

Street Reps

Barbara mentioned the steps on the other side of the North Orbital, opposite shops – Derek does not think this will happen.

An incident in Fern Way – is it legal for dogs to do their poo in the gutter. Apparently where there is a 40mph speed limit it is legal. Tim will send Glen an article.

Tim

Barbara had been given some very old records from a house in her area and would they be of interest for the newsletters. These would not copy well and it was suggested she contact the Watford Museum.

Action

Any Other Business

It was mentioned that the bus shelter was not in place yet. There had been a mix up over the order but should be in place next week.

Keith mentioned that Hollywood Bowl had applied for a licence to go over 12 midnight. They already have permission for a few dates and have asked for more.

324 Arriva bus service will now come up Shepcot Lane, go round the Longabout and back down Shepcot Lane on to Watford and Maple Cross.

There is a sunken area in Briar Road which had been reported by Pat.

Wood railings along North Approach verge are broken.

Keith mentioned that the allotments in Briar Road to have new fencing, a water butt and a community area with benches.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Next meeting 3 February 2014.