



**WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY
Kingswood Residents Association**

**KRA Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday 7th July 2014**

	Action By
PRESENT: John, Glen, Mel, Lorraine, Joy, Barbara, Sam, Emma, Arthur, Mary, Beryl, Andy, Mags, Keith, Derek	
APOLOGIES: Averil, Pat, Tim, Jean-Michael, Shirley, Rita	
MATTERS ARISING: Newsletter update with Imagine – see Treasurer’s Report Fern Way playground – see Any Other Business Speed Awareness – see Chair’s Report Fern Way Pavements – see Any Other Business Street Rep for Greenwood Drive – see Street Rep’s Report	
CHAIR’S REPORT: Speed Awareness is needed as another complaint on Facebook this evening. Derek says that KRA need does not fit the criteria set by Hertfordshire Highways and only they can put up signage. Derek has had speed checks done on North Approach and it was not excessive. It was queried whether the children could design speed awareness signs like they have near The Junction station. John will speak with Derek re this. Signage at Greenwood Drive/A405 has faded & needs re-doing. Derek will look into this and has also asked for accident figures for this junction prior to his meetings with highways. Facebook private setting cannot be undone. John will create a new Facebook page and invite people to move over to the new page. Congratulations to Keith on his re-election.	John/ Derek Derek John
VICE CHAIR’S REPORT: Nothing to report.	
SECRETARY’S REPORT: Nothing to report. Asked for volunteer to proof read the minutes – thanks to Glen and Mel for offering.	
SOCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT: In Pat’s absence, Ken gave report. Canal trip has 35 people confirmed. The maximum number is 48 as this is the capacity of the boat. Ken/Pat will confirm with Glen if this event needs re-publicising in the next newsletter. Portsmouth Historic Dockyard trip was a great success enjoyed by the 57 participants.	Ken/Pat
TREASURER’S REPORT: In Jean-Michael’s absence, John read out report. Balance stands at £7691.27 and membership at 661. If figures are correct, Bognor Trip is to be subsidised by 52% even though it appears it is nearly sold out. This highlights that an agreed cap needs to be in place for trips/events. John to arrange a meeting with Officers and Social Sub-committee to discuss this. Claytons are not pleased with the proposed involvement of Imagine Estate Agents in upgrading and improving the newsletter. Looking at changing to an A5 colour format which would allow for colour photos of trips etc and Imagine are helping to develop a new logo. The extra printing cost would be £160 but this should be covered in advertising. Imagine will not be sponsoring the newsletter, just assisting in the set-up and then paying normal rate for advertising. The two current sponsors of the newsletter are Claytons and Kingswood Cars and their sponsorship of £250 per year does not cover the advertising space which would	John Jean-Michael

attract £400 per year. Jean-Michael is drafting a reply to Claytons. Further update next month.	
FUNDRAISING SECRETARY'S REPORT: Street Reps asked if they can fold Lucky House Draw tickets before giving to Sam as it will assist her. Also, with the holiday period coming up please be mindful of upcoming deadlines.	Street Rep's
EDITOR'S REPORT: Deadline for newsletter is 25 th July 2014. Any ideas for front page article to Glen. Keith suggested it could be the consultation for Fern Way playground but he will check dates and get back to Glen. Sudoku puzzles have been received well, however, one member would like something more challenging!	
WEBSITE/PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.	
STREET REP'S REPORT: Ken has been emailed a few queries from the newsletter which he has replied to. Sam is following up possibility of someone helping to Street Rep Greenwood Drive. Mags' neighbour had a ginger cat take up residence in her house at the weekend and it is refusing to leave. Keith offered to publicise in Facebook for the rightful owners to collect. Emma asked if the Children's Christmas Party could be publicised on the front cover of the newsletter and will give details to Glen. All other Street Rep's had nothing to report.	Sam Keith Emma
ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Dorothy visited the Junior School recently to discuss the Leavesden Green Community Centre play area on the Rushton Estate with children from Year 6. Update from Councillors: Fern Way playground going to consultation stage soon. One issue raised is that there will not be equipment for 7-11age range. Cassiobury Park £4.5 million improvements have been approved. Fern Way pavement resurfacing will take place over next two years due to costings. Pot holes in upper Briar Road should be repaired soon. Bollards to be installed near Junior School but believed one side has not been marked out. Derek will check that all sides are to be done. No Through Road signage to be put up for Ellwood Gardens soon Bus shelter in Haines Way still does not have windbreaks. Tim is dealing with this. Suggested that yellow lines be extended in Briar Road/Greenwood Drive as lorries/vans parking is causing obstruction. Derek will look into this. HCC are proposing cutting the hours of the local Waterdale Recycling Centre and closing Elstree. Glen will post a link to publicise this and allow resident to sign petition. Fly tipping is still problem on estate, although regular offenders have been caught and are being taken to court. Post Office have had staffing issues due following visit by immigration. They are currently recruiting new staff. Thanks to Mike McDermott, our PCSO, for writing to all residents of Ellwood Gardens re the parking issues and also for confirming that the apparently abandoned car in Meadow Road is in fact legal.	Derek Tim Derek Glen
DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 4 th August 2014.	
MEETING CLOSED: 9.15pm	