



**WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY
Kingswood Residents Association**

**KRA Committee Meeting Minutes
6th June 2016**

	Action By
PRESENT: Jo, Averil, Rita, Joy, Sam, Andy, Tim, Myrtle, Mary, Roger, Glen, Louise, John, Lorraine	
APOLOGIES: Ken, Keith, Derek, Beryl, Anthony, Mel, Sue, Amanda	
<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the KRA attended a meeting with the Police and Council Representatives. Lots of crime prevention information was passed on but no help given to concerns of the KRA re crime on the estate and street lights etc. Liam Fitzgerald from the council was very understanding of the plight of the estate and it is hoped the KRA will be able to work with him in future. It is also hoped the new PCSO be in post by the next meeting. Police told the meeting that they had arrested a team for van thefts but none of the property recovered was from thefts on the estate. Also mentioned suspected cannabis factory above the shop and this has now been shut down. The KRA offered to fund a tag camera to be installed on a lamppost if problems continue and the police have agreed to this. For info, Tim has been emailing Nick Lilito, who is the Inspector for the Neighbourhood Team and it is hoped Tim will be able to update the KRA at the next meeting. 	
<p>CHAIR'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The KRA have sent a letter to the Council in objection to the planning application for 58 Fern Way. This is a retrospective application as the premises has already been altered. There have been other objections so needs to go to planning committee. A resident has enquired whether Kingswood Junior School pool was an asset of the Kingswood Estate however, it was confirmed that it was built with fundraising of school parents. The resident asked whether the pool could be used by the local community for private sessions and whether the KRA could fund the necessary lifeguard, etc. John will speak to the Headteacher about possibility. 	John
VICE CHAIR'S REPORT: Nothing to report in Anthony's absence.	
<p>SECRETARY'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the apologies of a resident was omitted from the AGM minutes. This has now been rectified on the minutes and the amended copy updated on the website. A new Expenses Claim Form has been created and circulated to the Officers. Lorraine to post some through Pat's door. 	Lorraine
<p>SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saville Gardens trip went very well. Next trip is Hever Castle on Saturday 9th July and the Bournemouth Air Show in August. So far, both trips are about half full but it is hoped that these will fill up when next newsletter goes out. If less people, a smaller coach can be arranged. The Festive Shopping Trip will be on 2nd December this year. The meeting was notified of a KRA bereavement. Pat offered to send a card and see if flowers or donation to charity would be appropriate. 	Pat

<p>TREASURER'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank is £4831.46 and there is still Membership money to go in. • Membership is up to 680. Everything else is now up to date. 	
<p>FUNDRAISING SECRETARY'S REPORT: For info, Sam now has a job in the mornings, so will not be available at this time.</p>	
<p>EDITOR'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident has emailed about the possibility of a bench at the shops. It was noted that there used to be a bench there but it attracted unsocial behaviour due to the off licence sales and was removed. It was however also noted that older residents on the estate would like it to rest when they are shopping. John will look into possibility and Tim said the Locality Budget could be used to partially fund this if it goes ahead. • A Briar Road resident has emailed thanking Andy for his community spirit as Street Rep and Pat and her committee for the social events. Well done to them! • Jo put information about the Queens' Birthday Card competition in last month's newsletter and would like to get a prize for the winners. This was agreed. The next initiative is to grow a sunflower! 	John
<p>WEBSITE MANAGER'S REPORT: Unfortunately, the website was down for a week during May when the domain name had to be re-registered. This has now been done at a cost of £8.06 and the website is up and running again. It was noted that in February there was 55 sessions and 48 users who are mostly locally. This is down a lot from same time last year. It was noted that the KRA Facebook Page is a much better way of getting information to residents. However, it was agreed to monitor the usage and the KRA will keep the website for now as some people do not use Facebook.</p>	
<p>PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT: Nothing to report in Ken's absence.</p>	
<p>STREET REP'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Averil – a lady in Moss Road complained that a white car is constantly parked outside her house. Also early morning a number of cars arrive and park in street and all get into another car and drive off. This takes up many parking spaces and it is believed they are not local. The KRA are aware that this is going on but is not illegal. John will mention it to the new PCSO when he arrives and ask him to give words of advice. Also, a couple of people have complained that their skip has been filled up by other people without asking permission. Again, the KRA are powerless to deal with this. • Rita – two residents have tidied their local alleyway and it looks great! It was agreed this could be a good initiative for the estate. John will write something and send to Jo for the newsletter. • Pat – a resident had asked Jo about the history of the Kingswood. They have been pointed to the website for info and also been given Alan Orchard's details as he has a lot of local information on the subject. • Andy – Barbara in Briar Road is 103 today! Also, for info, a car overturned in Briar Road last week early in the morning. The driver was believed to be local. 	John
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS: It was suggested to pursue the idea of a KRA notice board at shops. John offered to speak to One Stop/Tesco and Girish about this</p>	John
<p>DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 11th July at 8pm and Kingswood Junior School</p>	
<p>MEETING CLOSED: 8.45pm</p>	