



**WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY  
Kingswood Residents Association**

**KRA Committee Meeting Minutes  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

	<b>Action By</b>
PRESENT: John, Glen, Tim, Sue, Joy, Rita, Averil, Beryl, Ken, Roger, Meryl, Jo, Mel, Sam, Derek, Arthur, Mary, Lorraine, Pat,	
APOLOGIES: Andy, Anthony, Keith	
<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes adopted by Glen and agreed by Pat</li> <li>• Bench - defer to AGM. Concerns re vandalism and gathering of undesirables. During the day people can use the cafe.</li> <li>• Service Road Clean Up – there have been a few volunteers via Facebook page. Equipment to be obtained through councillors. Date to be advised - a Saturday mid-late March. Also hopefully set up a refreshment area.</li> <li>• Meadow Road hole in pavement – Derek taken to council but they still do not agree it is a safety issue.</li> <li>• A405 Speeding petition - being presented to Highways Committee on Thursday. Derek suggested KRA apply for fund from Police &amp; Crime Commissioner to use for road safety issues. This has been submitted by Derek/KRA – update at next meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p>CHAIR'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary raised concerns about Number 8 bus - a press release is coming out shortly. This is Mullany's bus that comes through the estate. There are also still issues that the Arriva Number 8 that goes through Leavesden and no longer comes along the A405. Tim says Mullanys are also cutting a bus that serves the Meriden. John will write to Mullanys and Arriva to voice concerns of the KRA.</li> <li>• There have been a few burglaries on the estate recently. Believed to be youths on push bikes. They are also causing problems with kicking over the bins. There has been a theft of car and also thefts from vans again. Suggested put this info and info about security be put in the newsletter not everyone has Facebook. John is inviting people to be at the AGM to give advice.</li> <li>• Roger attends meetings with other driving instructors who use the estate for lessons. He will ask them to keep an eye out for anything suspicious.</li> <li>• OWL – John has received email about 'prevent' which is an anti-terrorism initiative. It was noted that the OWL system does not seem to phone people any more. John will contact them to see what is the best way to keep the KRA &amp; residents updated.</li> </ul>	<p>John</p> <p>John</p> <p>Roger</p> <p>John</p>
<p>VICE CHAIR'S REPORT:</p> <p>In Anthony's absence, he sent a message asking whether the KRA should have goals and objectives to work towards during the year. This will be discussed at the AGM.</p>	
SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nothing to report	
<p>SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Citizens Post Christmas Lunch was at the weekend and went very well.</li> <li>• Pat thanked Sam for arranging the lovely flowers sent on behalf of the KRA.</li> <li>• Sub-committee are now working on ideas for day trips for publication at the AGM. Spring holiday 10-14<sup>th</sup> April is all paid.</li> <li>• John is looking into costings for a sociable evening for KRA members at the Junior School. This would be an evening of food and music.</li> <li>• Another suggestion was a bi-annual 'ball' but venues are very expensive.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All issues in last minutes have been resolved.</li> <li>• Accounts were completed at end of December and have been audited by Mike.</li> <li>• Current balance is £3788 but nearly £2000 cheques still awaiting being presented so this figure will be lower and useable balance is only approx £1900.</li> <li>• Subsidies for recent events: Social OAP lunch - £-795, Kids £-853 but this could reduce fuel refund may be returned. Mike recommended any large overspend should be approved by Officers or Committee Meeting. Meeting approved without objection.</li> <li>• Adverts – no revenue will come in for 2016 as no invoices sent out so approximate loss of revenue from this is £3000. There were originally 29 advertisers, however we have lost 8, so only 21 left. This resulted in a loss of £880 in revenue but it is hoped to get more advertisers onboard. Glen has sent out invoices for 2017 and now have £2440 for advertising costs this year.</li> <li>• The Committee were concerned that the balance is a lot lower than this time last year, however this was due to issues with previous Treasurer, including lack of advertising costs. Accounts are now been completed correctly and last year's accounts will be presented to the AGM and any queries dealt with at the time. The Committee thanked to Glen for all his hard work getting the accounts together.</li> <li>• The outstanding £730 detailed at the previous meeting was found to be items not written on cheque stub. These were confirmed for Buckingham Palace and Bournemouth Trips in 2015.</li> <li>• Annual Subs - there was a discussion about raising the annual subs from £3 to £4 as they have not been put up for decades. It was agreed to keep at £3 this year with view to raising to £4 next year.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>FUNDRAISING SECRETARY'S REPORT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates for meetings next year need to be agreed and given to the School. Lorraine to put draft dates together for John to send through to School.</li> <li>• Street Reps - Arthur is moving away (Kingswood Road). Also need a new one for Andy (Briar Road), Chandra (Briar Road) and the first bit of Fern Way. Request for Street Reps to be taken to AGM and put in newsletter.</li> <li>• March newsletter goes out to every house on estate, so 1000 copies need to be printed.</li> </ul>	Lorraine/ John
<p><b>EDITOR'S REPORT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jo is looking at revamping the newsletter. She is getting advice from a friend who is a designer. She would also like to redesign the KRA logo and will draft a few ideas to bring to the AGM.</li> <li>• The meeting has taken place with people who have bought church, representative of the KRA and the local councillors. The prospective owner is originally from Afghanistan and wants to use the church for after school tuition and as community venue. Keith will write an update for the newsletter. The committee raised concerns about some of the negative comments on the KRA Facebook page about this.</li> </ul>	Jo  Keith
<p><b>PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT:</b> The owners of 58 Fern Way have appealed and the Planning Inspectorate are going to investigate. This will take a few months to sort out as there is a backlog with planning applications/appeals.</p>	
<p><b>WEBSITE MANAGER'S REPORT:</b> All historic newsletters are on website back to 1995. There are a few gaps but mainly there.</p>	
<p><b>STREET REP'S REPORT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Averil – teenagers on bikes at the shops are riding dangerously. Lots of near misses with bikes on estate too.</li> <li>• Ken - Shirley, an ex street rep is not very well and will be moving to Scotland soon.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Committee - the request for help has appeared in the newsletter but no response yet. This will be taken to the AGM and put in further newsletter.</li> <li>• Officers Meeting – 23 Feb at John's House 7.30pm.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING:</b> Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 8pm. Jo &amp; Pat apologies in advance.</p>	
<p><b>MEETING CLOSED:</b> 9.15pm</p>	