



**WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY
Kingswood Residents Association**

**KRA Committee Meeting Minutes
6th March 2017**

	Action By
PRESENT: John, Sam, Averil, Rita, Ken, Beryl, Mel, Sue, Tim, Keith, Anthony, Glen, Joy, Mary, Arthur, Roger	
APOLOGIES: Jo, Pat, Andy, Derek	
MATTERS ARISING: None. Minutes adopted by Anthony, Seconded by Glen.	
<p>CHAIR'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number 8 Bus – John has written a letter but not had a response.. Tim reported that Mullany's has withdrawn funding for Number 346 and the R8 from 1st April 2017. There is now a petition that asks HCC if they could subsidise route as there is a social need for the bus on the estate. There are a number of elderly people who will be isolated without this bus route. This is petition can be signed online or on the paper copies have been posted through doors and signatures should be completed by the end of the month. Despite repeated requests, Mullany's have not given details of numbers of people using the service. It was noted that the Arriva Number 8 bus does not run near the estate any longer and the only other option is the Number 10 but you have to go through the underpass for this. The KRA/Councilor application for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for road safety on the junction of Greenwood Drive and A405 has got through the first stage and have now progressed to the next stage. Roger has spoken to other driving instructors re safety and security on the estate and they will make observations when able. If there is anything suspicious on the estate and it is non-emergency, this should be logged using the 101 system. OWL have stated that their preferred option of contact is electronic only. If you wish to re-register for phone calls, they should be contacted. Sheepcot Lane closure – road has been closed since the weekend. It appears to be deeper than a pothole but Ringway say it could be possibly a collapsed drain. Tim has emailed Herts County Council for an update but yet to hear back. Officers Meeting – update to Constitution. It was agreed that the role of 'Councilor' should be created and become part of the Officers. At the last meeting, Tim was co-opted. Details of the role description was given to the meeting and Lorraine will be added to the Constitution. Officers Meeting – annual donations. It was agreed at the Officers Meeting that any requests for charitable donations should be made via the KRA Editor emails. These will be taken to the whole committee in November for discussion and details put in the December newsletter. 	<p>Lorraine</p> <p>John</p>
<p>VICE CHAIR'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KRA Clean Up – this has been advertised on Facebook and in newsletter. Anthony liaising with Tim re equipment needed and removal of rubbish. The date is Sunday 19th March meeting at 10am at the Chemist. A local scout group have offered to help with refreshments. Anthony will identify areas in need of the clean up in advance and these areas will be targeted, depending on how many volunteers there are on the day. A KRA Officers Facebook Page has been set up. This is to enable the Officers to comment in their official capacity on the KRA page rather than Officers having to use their personal profile. It could also be used for advertising events. 	<p>Anthony /Tim</p>
SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nothing to report.	
SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nothing to report in Pat's Absence.	
<p>TREASURER'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following Officers Meeting – Glen has created a template to be used for social events and will pass it to Pat for comment. Balance £2747 with one cheque for £360 to come off this figure. 	<p>Glen/ Pat</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertisers have complained they are not getting a copy of the newsletter. Jo is unable to sort this so Glen offered to make sure this happens. • It was noted that too many copies of the newsletter was ordered this month when the extra copies are needed for April. These extra copies have not gone to waste and have been posted through all doors on the estate and can be used at the AGM • It was agreed that the April Newsletter should still be given to every house and Jo should order enough for this. The front of this newsletter should be a large advert persuading residents to join the KRA. • Glen offered to put dates together and give to Lorraine so the 'Meetings, LHD deadlines and Newsletter deadlines' document can be published. • Memberships due next month. Mary kindly agreed to take in the membership money once collected by the Street Reps. If LHD and Memberships are collected together, please pass all to Sam and she will pass membership money to Mary. 	<p>Jo Glen</p>
<p>FUNDRAISING SECRETARY'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam has spoken to Jo about ordering Membership Books but with logo change this is on hold. Agreed to carry on with current logo for the foreseeable future until the new logo has been designed and agreed. Sam will find out how many needed and order as necessary. • Street Reps desperately needed! A plea went in Newsletter but haven't heard back from Jo yet re any replies. John will make a plea for Street Reps at the AGM next week. • Mel has confirmed she is happy to carry on with North Approach even though she is moving away from the Kingswood. 	<p>John</p>
<p>EDITOR'S REPORT: Nothing to report in Jo's absence.</p>	
<p>PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT: No update for 58 Fern Way. The Inspector will give a decision in due course.</p>	
<p>WEBSITE MANAGER'S REPORT: All electronic newsletters are now are on the website. There are a few gaps in historical ones but nearly all there.</p>	
<p>STREET REP'S REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam – a lorry load of garden rubbish was dumped in service road of Meadow Road. • Averil – a number of street lights on Meadow Road not working and as the tree roots are raised, it is very dangerous as it is a health and safety risk. Tim offered to take a look. • Rita – the resident in North Approach has again asked about the refund for Christmas Shopping Trip that they couldn't attend. It was agreed that refunds cannot be given unless notified well in advance and the place on the trip is re-sold to someone else. From now on, '<i>No refunds will be paid unless notified in advance of the trip and the place is re-sold</i>' must be put in all adverts for trips. This would not apply to holidays as refunds cannot be given. 	<p>Tim Pat/ Jo</p>
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS: AGM preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no need to print Minutes of last meeting or Accounts as these have been published in newsletter and every household has received a copy. • Alan Orchard has been involved in KRA for many years and puts social comments on the website. He has requested more information about the new owner of the church. More information will be available in due course as the new owners are holding an open day hopefully on 24th and 25th March. They would like to invite KRA amongst others to the event and they wish to establish links with the local schools and Nursery. The charity is called the Imam Hussain Foundation (IHF). • Police will be attending to give crime prevention advice to residents. • Bench at the shops – the Chemist is happy to have it outside the shop on wall between them and the computer shop. There is CCTV in this area too. The possibility of a bench will be taken to the AGM. • Girish Mehta has agreed to pay for the refreshments for the AGM. John has the urn and Mel will get the refreshment supplies. • Setting up will start at 6.30pm. John will call school to check timings and let relevant people know. 	
<p>DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING: AGM – Tuesday 14th March, next meeting Monday 3rd April 2017 - Lorraine give apologies in advance.</p>	
<p>MEETING CLOSED: 9.05pm</p>	