

Minutes of the KRA Meeting – Monday 5th February 2018

Apologies: Tim, Sue, Amanda, Jo, Derek, Lorraine, Averil, Roger and Anthony

Attendees: John, Glen, Joy, Pat, Ken, Beryl, Rita, Mary, Catherine, Keith Crout

The minutes from the meeting in December we proposed and adopted by Pat and Rita.

Following the burglaries over the last month the police visited the estate and passed out UV marking pens.

John has attended a meeting with the Smartwater team to discuss the possibility of making Kingswood a Smartwater Village. The Met Police have been using smartwater for the last 3 years, it acts as a deterrent, the marking lasts for 5 years and cannot be removed. You register on line and can mark any items in your property, tools, jewellery, computers. The pack comes with stickers for your windows. A pack usually costs £28.00 for a household. John is hoping to get them for £8.95, the intention is to order 900 packs and make them available to KRA members. Non-members would be encouraged to join or pay £8.95.

Street Reps will be offered a half hour training course.

Our estate would be the first in Hertfordshire, the base line of crime figures is a 25% reduction.

The launch would be very high profile to be held at Kingsway Junior School on a Saturday, including Plate Safe, Bike marking, Herts Fire Services etc. Bob Cryer will be attending to launch the initiative. Articles will be published in the local news papers and our newsletter, in colour and extra pages.

A formal contract would need to be signed. It is hoped we can get it up and running in 6 weeks, the KRA will need to spend money for signs for lamp posts and service road. This may be between £3,000 and £5,000.

John will be preparing a CCTV map of the estate, please check with your residents to see if they are happy to be added to the map.

Super Residents Committee – John is looking into meeting up with the committees of the other local resident's associations to create a super committee, this will give us a greater voice.

20 Mile Zone – the consultation is going ahead, there are posters on lamp posts around the estate.

Street Lights – Tim and John went out at night with the powers that be and measured the light emitted from the street lamps. The power of the light is the same as before, it is the distance between the lamp posts that cause the dark areas. There is no obligation to light gardens/pathways to properties.

Feasibility study – John attended at meeting to discuss the funds for the study, they are looking into changing the dual carriage way to a single road, or a long about with left turn only. The study should be completed by the end of April.

Iman Hussain Centre – the garden is an eye sore and there are still lots of complains on the facebook page regarding parking, lack of community involvement etc. Keith Crout wrote to him regarding the problems, his response was that they were expecting more money and will do something when this becomes available.

Social Secretary

The senior citizens lunch happened on Saturday, 3rd Feb it was very well received, but there are not enough people attending.

The next day trip has been advertised in this month's newsletter. Proposals for next years trips will be put in next month's newsletter.

Barbara Jarrad's funeral take place on Wednesday, Pat will attend, we will be giving a donation to Vision Africa, plus her winnings from January.

Treasurers Report

Accounts have been approved by Mike Lucas – we made a profit of £2061.00 for last financial year.

Donations have been made to 6 charity's local school and guide dogs. The Nursery were over the moon with their donation.

Mary will send the membership list to Glen, he is happy to receive the membership moneys and slip (Sam is happy to help as well)

Subs will be going up to £5.00 this year, this needs to be added to the Newsletter for March KRA Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, 20th March. This month's newsletter need to be delivered to all residents – 1100 to be printed

Website

Newsletters are only available to members now by special request.

Planning

Fern way application is not progressing

AOB

Salt requests for need to be made by October