

Minutes of the
Queens Park Residents association
11th June 2008
20:00 Queens Park Working Men's Club

Present:

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| Owen Jones | Chair |
| Corrine Jones | |
| Dave Entwistle | |
| Michael Venton | |
| Brian Burnett | |
| Jacqueline Phipps | |
| Joanne Eason | |
| Richard Dame | |
| George Morris | |
| Anne Morris | |
| Sheila Freak | |
| Peter Freak | |
| Mike Davies | NBC |
| Craig Matthews | Northants Police |
| Pete Middleton | Northants Police |

Item

Action

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Read and accepted as a true account.

2. Correspondence In/Out

Owen Jones informed the members of a letter he had received from Mike Davies about the "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) initiative. Mike explained that Mobile phone users are being urged to enter a number in their phone's memory under the heading ICE - In Case of Emergency. Paramedics or police would then be able to use it to contact a relative.

Owen Jones asked for this information to be added to the web site and the next newsletter.

Pete Middleton
Dave Entwistle

3. Meetings Attended

Owen Jones said that he had attended a planning meeting the previous evening, and would explain the proceedings under the Planning agenda item.

4. Street Scene

Michael Venton reported that he had spoken with Rob Payne and will meet with him and the borough tree experts later this year to plan the positions of new and replacement trees.

The tree outside 115 Queens Park Parade will shortly be felled as it is damaged and the broken trees in Clarence Avenue will be replaced.

Michael Venton asked the residents of 42 to 46 Clarence Avenue to keep an eye on the lime trees outside their properties.

General discussion followed in which it was stated that the paving outside 40 Kingsthorpe Road is in need of repair and that the pavement outside 122 Clarence Avenue has big dips in it and is a tripping hazard.

The pavement outside 110 Balmoral Road is in disrepair and is a tripping hazard. Mike Davies will take some more photos.

Mike Davies

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The Committee will get in touch with “Street Doctor” and Alpha Sign’s drains will be sorted out on Community Audit day.

Committee

Mike Davies asked if representatives from both Borough and County Councils had been invited along on the Community Audit day, and offered his assistance.

Mike Davies

5. Community Safety

Peter stated that the number of house burglaries had declined over the last month, and that juvenile nuisance and criminal damage incidents were also down.

Craig urged all residents to phone in and report any incidents on 08543 700700

Peter and Craig explained that the Safer Community Team (SCT) in partnership with the Borough Council had recently delivered 100 SmartWater units to victims of burglary in the Queens Park area.

Brian Burnett stated that he is holding a meeting of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) members in the Queens Park Working Men’s Club next Wednesday (18th June) where SmartWater kits will be available for purchase at a discount to NHW members. He welcomed any non-NHW members who might like to attend, but stressed that no discounts would be available to them.

A number of residents who live near to the Holy Trinity Church (Balmoral Road, Edinburgh Road and Cecil Road) complained that children are playing in the churchyard, kicking footballs in the street hitting cars and standing on cars. A general discussion ensued.

Peter and Craig reassured those concerned that their complaints were taken seriously and that there would be an increase in patrols in the area. They also urged any residents affected to phone in incidents on 08543 700700 as only two incidents had been reported in the last 365 days.

6. Planning

Owen Jones stated that the planning application for 10 flats on the site of 42-46 Kingsthorpe Grove made earlier this year had been denied. Architectural solutions, the architects acting for the owner of the property showed plans for a two storey “bridge unit” at the rear of the site, and at yesterday’s meeting they looked at the bridge unit proposal which is designed to accommodate 8 living units and 8 parking spaces.

The vacant adjoining properties on Cranbrook Road have planning permission for 4 flats, but the owner has decided to rent out the existing properties as business units, so no change is envisaged.

7. Service roads

Brian Burnett reported that a tender for the construction of the gates at each end of the service road between Queens Park Parade and Clarence Avenue has been accepted and that he is awaiting tenders for the construction work.

The road beneath the gates will need levelling. It is suggested that the work is carried out on a self-help basis. Work should begin soon.

The service road between Balmoral Road and Cranbrook Road should be gated at about the same time.

8. Proposed Events

Wine tasting – The Wine Tasting will take place on Saturday 19th July in the Holy Trinity church hall. Cheese and grapes will accompany the tasting.

A “mixed” cricket match against the local police was proposed. Pete Middleton to arrange a venue and organise the police team.

Pete Middleton

Volunteers are sought to organise a Quiz Night

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Community Audit – A Community Audit was due to take place this weekend, but in light of Mike Davies' input some more discussion is required. Mike Davies to send details of Council Officials to the Committee

Mike Davies

9. Newsletter Items

Items to be published in the next Newsletter were agreed and include:

- SmartWater
- Benefits of NHW membership
- Wine Tasting
- Cricket

Dave Entwistle

10. Any Other Business

A resident of Cecil Road stated that rolls of bin bags were delivered last week complete with a label that stated that they were not to be used until 2009! Mike Davies stated that there must have been a misprint.

Mike Davies stated that household rubbish collection days may soon be changing in some areas due to a rationalisation of the collection system.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:30.