

QUEENS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF A MEETING ON 13th August 2008 at Queens Park Working Men's Club

Present:

Corrine Jones, Dave Entwistle, Graham Jeffs, , Steve Gater, Wanda McDonnell, Peter Middleton and Craig Matthews(Northants Police), Mike Davies NBC Community Warden, Marie Barden, Jaque Phipps, Michael Venton, Brian Burnett

Apologies:

Owen Jones.

Brian Burnett took the Chair in Owen's absence.

1. Minutes of last meeting

Accepted as a correct record.

2. Matters arising

- **Publicity:** it appears that Richardson Homes have not delivered the newsletter. Need to agree contacts to deliver for each road. Graham offered to cover Balmoral Road and Steve Gater Kingsthorpe Grove.
- **Speed gun** has been delivered to the Police and is now in use.
- **Smartwater:** given that a bid for funding is being made through the Management Board should the scheme go ahead for Clarence Avenue and Cecil Road? Brian to seek clarification from Jeanette Pidgen.
- **Yellow lines:** Mike has met with a CC officer regarding signs and yellow lines. Mike awaiting feedback but funding is an issue.

3.Sub Committee reports

Trees: Two more trees have been broken down in Clarence Avenue. Michael is following up re. replacements and also additional trees to be planted in the autumn.

Community safety: Peter reported that it had been a quiet month. Concerns expressed about semi-derelict property on Cecil Road. Mike Davies to investigate.

Police to monitor the situation re. boys on ASBOs in Cecil Road. They are being targeted for disruption visits.

Planning: the new plans now on the website are much more acceptable with 8 parking places. Planning informed to this effect.

No. 123 Clarence Avenue has been sold. Need to keep under review re. any planning application for development.

Publicity: need to secure persons to deliver in Balmoral Road (Graham volunteered), Kingsthorpe Grove, Stanhope Road.

Service roads: Queens Park Parade/Clarence Avenue - Brian reported that the order has been placed with the contractor and the gate posts should be in place by the end of the month. Rees Switchgear is co-operating re. electric supply and CCTV. Rise in steel costs may affect price.

Website: Owen has suggested that members might take on ownership of a topic, e.g. Potting shed (Owen). Others to contribute. Pete reported the number of hits on the site are down but this may be seasonal.

Funding: Northamptonshire Community Foundation has funds available – over £800k – and will be advertising workshops to formulate bids. More information needed but in the meantime ideas needed from members and residents.

Newsletter: information to include the Big Clean Up – a national initiative for September. For Queens Park Sunday 28th September 10.00 – 12.00 is proposed and support is needed from each road. Also to include a note requesting articles for the website.

3. AOB: Brian suggested we should each try to recruit one extra resident to attend the meetings to encourage new blood and extra support.

4. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 10th September 2008 at 8.00 p.m.