

Queens Park Residents Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 14th July 2009

Present:

Chairman: Owen Jones

Vice Chair: Brian Burnett (newly elected 14.07.09)

Secretary: Emma Sefolli (newly elected 14.07.09)

Treasurer: Corrine Jones

Committee members: Sarah Fox (newly elected 14.07.09)

Steve Gater (newly elected 14.07.09)

Graham Jeffs (newly elected 14.07.09) (not present)

Members of public: (Apologies for some of the names as some handwriting is hard to read)

Marie Barden, Wanda McDonnell, Sarah Gill, Holly Thompson, James Thompson, Sally Beardsworth, Sarah Fox, Margaret Heegan, Brian Burnett, Emma Sefolli, Dave Entwistle, Corrine Jones, Owen Jones, Mike Davies, Pete Middleton, Rosemary Kennedy, Jean Major, Steve Gater, M Naylor

Election

Owen Jones was re-elected as Chairman

Casey's non-appearance was seen as not wanting to stand for re-election

Emma Sefolli was elected as secretary

Treasurer was re-elected

Brian Burnett was elected as Vice Chair

Sarah Fox and Steve Gater were elected as Committee Members

Reports

- Not managed to organise many events this year, except for the spring clean up. It is believed to be due to the lack of volunteers coming forward. However, Sally Beardsworth said, that she believes the QPRA to be most important in addressing any local issues.

- Clarence Avenue/Queens Park Parade Service road has been successfully gated. Thankyou's go out to all who were involved.
- Managed to get some trees planted in Clarence Avenue
- Need to work on street drainage. It appears as though most of the storm drains in the area are blocked. Call the Street Doctor on 0845 601 1113 or e mail streetdoctor@Northamptonshire.gov.uk to inform the council of the said drains and they are obliged to look into the problem within 5 working days.
- The treasurer presented the QPRA accounts, which currently only holds £29.12. Sally Beardsworth was asked if she could help with some funding. She said she could not see that the amount of £250 being a problem, however, someone from the QPRA would need to write her a letter stating the amount needed, and what we are doing to try to increase our funds ourselves, so she can submit to it to her colleagues.
- Discussions were mainly about the continuing of the QPRA, which people were in favour of, if not for the social events, for the local issues being addressed in a more united way. Suggestions were made to do a raffle, along the lines of people wishing to be in the QPRA, to pay a pound which would then enter them into a draw with the possibility of winning £50. This is a way of getting more people involved in the QPRA and also a way of putting funds into the QPRA bank account for the continued running costs.
- Brian Burnett said that the social events used to be very successful when the QPRA first started. Most events were held at the working men's club, however, they appear to have taken over the organisation of most of the calendars official celebrations themselves. Is there a possibility in people thinking of other fund raising events that would not cross over with the working mans club?
- Suggestions were made to put a notice board up in a safe and accessible place as a way of talking to the QPRA residents and to further promote the QPRA. Possibly the church or the doctor's surgery?
- The website is becoming more successful, with more hits showing all the time. There was discussion of allowing local businesses to advertise as a way of funding the QPRA.
- A suggestion was put forward to try to link the QPRA website with the medical practice website?

- The Kingsthorpe shelter for teenagers was discussed as the location which was proposed fell through, and therefore QPRA is holding the funds in its bank account until a new location is found. Sally Beardsworth suggested Studland Road allotments as a possible alternative.
- A new newsletter to trumpet the success of this meeting was suggested to further promote QPRA.

Meeting closed 21.13