

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 10 June 2010

Present

Malcolm Lewis[Chairman], residents, Sue Ponting C.D.C. Environmental Warden.

APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FROM Roger Sweeting, Janet Broomfield, Caroline Braidwood and Jim Oldies.

Sue Ponting explained that there only 2 environmental wardens for the whole of the C.D.C., covering an area of 450 square miles. She is distributing many leaflets on the subject and is compiling a list of patrol areas. With regard to dog fouling she showed a spray can being used to highlight the dog fouling positions, the paint of which does not wash away easily in the rain.

Regarding the bins, for fouling matter the cost being around £100.00 each, however she explained that ordinary litter bins could be used, as long as an appropriate bag be used. Dog fouling bins are emptied on a weekly basis, ordinary rubbish bins emptied less frequently. Doug Emmett suggested an article for The Standard and John B. would see Peter and Caroline Braidwood, as town councillors re extra bins being provided in the needed areas.

Malcolm thanked Sue Ponting for coming to the meeting.

LITTER

Regarding litter Rose L. stated that when the library had its temporary home in The Beeches Car park the littler bin at the bridge near Beech Grove was removed to the temporary library site and had not been returned.

There were several odd pockets of land, notably around the Golden Farm/bridge area, whose ownership was unknown. This presented a problem on footpath maintenance and litter. JohnB is consultation with the G.C.C. on this matter.

Malcolm and Doug thought that littler picking should be twice yearly in Spring and Autumn. Their recent work had been most successful

In Melrose Gardens, the Probation service workers had collected 3 skips of rubbish.

At a meeting at Shire Hall [Malcolm and Peter B attending] Tony Dickson of the CDC agreed that the Probation Service based in Cheltenham would be approached for more help in the next three weeks.

OTHER ITEMS

The BBQ Planned for 11th July has been cancelled and it was hoped to hold this event later. It was possible that a pig roast would be available said Claire Bartlett for Fosseyway Housing.

At the back of Purley Road backing onto the river there was an unused rough pocket of land, ownership unknown, it was hoped to make this into a community garden/allotments, said Malcolm.

WELCOME PACKS

There was no need to re-do Dentons, but the packs would need a complete list of organisations and groups within the town. Dobbies, and Tesco and Cotswold Leisure had agreed to sponsor this project and the group would meet with Gardeners later. The house builders had agreed to deliver the packs. Talk to CDC re hopeful funding for the printing of same.

The police have agreed to attend our meetings 4 times each year and Watermoor Group. The next meeting they will attend being September.

Footpath closure

Mike Barton still working on this issue

The railway track painting. We are to ask the probation service to paint out the graffiti under the bridge.

Rose L. Said that trees had been cut down near the bridge, some weeks ago, as they were in the way of the street lights however the said trees were still lying on the ground and had not been taken away. It was thought that this would be attended to shortly, however Malcolm would speak to Caroline B on this.

Beeches Road

The residents to be asked if they wished for earmarked parking spaces. These would cost £80.00 per year, an increase from £20. John B. said that plans for parking were to be re submitted to the G.C.C. as the GCC had made an error. There was still some discussion on our parking charges. JohnB. Mentioned that parking was free in Witney

Heritage Open Days 10th,11th and 12th September

Jenny S: These dates have been earmarked throughout the country for many years now, and Cirencester is in its fourth year.

Many local sites including the Museum, Church guided tours, The Quaker meeting house and special events at the Brewery Arts such as exhibitions, and musical events will be available, for free entry. Florence Beetlestone is the co-ordinator of this weekend, and will be attending our July meeting to explain. Help is required. Malcolm thought the Scouts would be able to help. and we hope that our community groups could have a stand to promote our work.

Date and time of next meeting July 8th at 6.15p.m

PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME OF 6.15P.M. BECAUSE OF THE Thursday walks