

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 16 September 2010

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), 10 residents, Lynn Saunders (GRCC), Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander (CTC), Cllr John Burgess (CDC and GCC) and Andrea Glennon (W&G Standard)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Lynn Saunders – Community Agent

The Chairman welcomed Lynn Saunders who outlined her job. She requires feedback from the Community if they feel there are people in the outlying villages over 55 who require help. She was invited to attend meetings on a regular basis and it was suggested that she should be put in touch with the other Wards.

W & G Standard reporter

Andrea Glennon, was welcomed. She is keen to write articles on dog fouling and waste bin issues and will be talking to the two members involved.

2. To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 8 July 2010

The minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes that are not Included on the Agenda

None

4. Chairman's Report including: Meetings with W&G Standard

JB had agreed to co-coordinate Community Partnership articles covering Beeches, Watermoor and Chesterton.

5. Town, District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander (Town) and Cllr John Burgess (District & County)

- Cirencester Town Council has recently carried out an audit of street furniture and SA agreed to find out what resources are available to the two new development sites.
- JB would make enquiries about mud on the entrance to Kingshill North.
- JB explained that the Market Place development will go ahead despite incorrect statements in the press.
- SA outlined plans for the Christmas Market and said all the stands had been taken
- JB advised that planning permission has been given on the Footbridge from Kingshill South to Tesco
- JB advised that the double yellow lines will be painted in Beeches Road by the end of October
- CB to be asked if one side of the Notice Board outside the Beeches Shop could be used to promote features that concern Young people. It may be that the Boards needs some attention.

6. Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership – Developments in Park Ward

It is hoped that there will be Park Ward developments to report soon.

7. Kingshill Development and New Residents

Welcome Packs – Roger Sweeting

These are well advanced with Fosseyway HA looking into finance for the Printing. ML to enquire into the cost of folders as we may need to finance these from a ward grant. RS has some good sponsors. The publishers of the new Town map have agreed to extend the area to cover the two new estates when the road names are known and these will go into the packs.

Public Right of Way – Roger Sweeting

Nothing to report.

8. Environmental

Dog Fouling - Rose Leicester

Rose did a comprehensive outline of what she had achieved and we now need to find another volunteer to take on new areas of the Ward. The CDC warden was present and will report back on signage which is not always adequate in areas where fouling is seen to be an issue.

Graffiti Painting – Malcolm Lewis & Doug Emmet

CB is to approach the new Youth section at Brewery Arts Centre to take on this challenge which will involve young people from all round the town.

9. Community

Heritage Open Days – CHP Stand – Liza Darroch (The Churn)

The Partnership stand was not successful and it was agreed that it is not worth doing in future.

The Golden Farm – Malcolm Lewis

Nothing to report

Social Events – Janet Broomfield & Rose Leicester

The Social Committee was outlined by JB and RL had agreed to help. JB is working with the Watermoor Group to arrange a Christmas Dinner and it was agreed to include the Chesterton Group. RL has been successful in obtaining raffle prizes but we need a main prize. It was agreed that ticket printing and a licence for a raffle could be a problem and to consult the Churn to see if it might help.

Beeches in Bloom was outlined. It was agreed to approach a resident in Upper Churnside for help with this.

Junior Wardens – Clare Bartlett (Bomfords HA)

CB advised that there are two residents who are keen to take this on and a meeting is to be arranged to include ML.

SA and CB were invited to tell the group about the new youth project at the next meeting.

Future of Police Panel Meetings

The first will take place with the Watermoor Group and the following with Beeches.

10. Any Other Business

Kingshill School

It was agreed that further approaches need to be made to the School with requests to work with us.

Chamber of Commerce

ML to ask if their members could be approached with requests for sponsorship?

Ward History

It was suggested we explore the possibility of producing a booklet outlining our history and other places of interest in Beeches and possibly enlist the help of Kingshill School to use as a project.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 14 October 2010 starting at 6.30 pm.