

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held on 28 July 2011

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield (Treasurer and Social Secretary), Caroline Braidwood (Secretary), 12 Residents, Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander (CTC), PCSO Simon King

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr John Hughes (CTC and CDC) Cllr Peter Braidwood (GCC), Cllr John Burgess (CTC, CDC & GCC), Clare Bartlett and James Trotter (BHA), Liza Darroch (Churn), Diane Cooper, Adele Lawrence and PCSO Renee Morgan

2. To Approve the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 9 June 2011

Item 10 was amended to read: The Chairman pointed out that Ingleside House was the Beeches Community Centre but it had been closed due to lack of use and other reasons.

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

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes that are not Included on the Agenda Community Building Questionnaires - Cllr Mrs Alexander

The questionnaires have gone out, there will be a stand at the Fete and asked everyone to ask neighbours for completed forms to ensure a good return rate. The Steering Group will meet again on 18 August and a report will be prepared for the next BCG meeting and this will be presented at the September Council meeting.

The Churn

There are now 12 residents in Kingshill South with other properties nearing completion but no one to deliver The Churn. ??? offered to carry out this task. In the meantime, it was agreed to send the newsletter and the questionnaire to Bromfords. Members advised that many of the Churn articles are out of date by the time delivery takes place.

Welcome Packs – Roger Sweeting

- 50 full packs ready to be delivered.
- New offer from Grasshoppers included
- Tesco online voucher is out of date
- Cargo voucher may not be very useful to some new residents

4. Chairman's Report

- The owner of Ingleside has taken over the Golden Farm pub and is willing to run a Pop In. It was agreed to contact Age UK.
- David Hemery – a letter has been sent to the Standard to enquire if any readers know of the house in which he was born in Golden Farm Road in 1944.

5. Social Committee – Janet Broomfield

Weston Super Mare Trip -Wednesday, 3 August

- 39 tickets sold
- JB has raised £100 at car boot sales to subsidise the event.
- 08:20 meet in Beeches Car Park
- 08:30 PROMPT leave
- Considering 2 trips next year.

Garden Fete – Sunday, 14 August

- Opportunity for new residents to meet others
- Will be opened by Cllrs Mrs Jenny Hincks
- May have use of marque
- 10:30 set up and prepare
- Fairshares will have a stall.
- Nick Bridges (WCG) celebrating birthday and will bring a group of friends.

Janet advised that she now has a wholesale discount card.

6. Any Other Business

Litter – Doug Emmet

Now have a good system that is working well but it is a perpetual problem. Will be helping Watermoor shortly and happy to help others. Arrange to litter pick Victoria Road School Playing Field as the fence goes up.

River at City Bank – Malcolm Lewis

Lots of litter and rubbish. Advise Green Strategy Group.

Beeches Road – Nettles across the foot path are dangerous and need cutting back.

Foster Mother of premature twins desperately needs clothes and equipment.

Temporary Path from Kingshill is considered to be dangerous and the surface is very rough – advise Bromfords.

It also appears that customers of McDonalds are using the path late at night and walking along the path at the back of the bungalows in North Home Road instead of using the correct route.

Postal Confusion

There is still confusion between 'Kingshill' and Kingshill South but until satellite navigation systems catch up there is unlikely to be any change.

Queen's Jubilee – June 2012

- Parade with King and Queen
- Children's Competition
- Band Concert in Abbey Grounds plus Fireworks
- London's Big Lunch may be shown on screens in the Parish Church simultaneously with a Cirencester Lunch

Beeches Road – very dangerous and difficult for vehicles leaving Beeches Road and joining London Road. Also difficult for children crossing road near to Golden Farm pub and the bridge.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 8 September 2011 starting at 6.30 pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.25 pm