

BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting held on 12 July 2012

Present:

Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Tony Cooper (Vice-Chairman), Janet Broomfield (Treasurer and Social Secretary), 7 Residents, James Trotter (Bromfords), Cllr Johnathan Hughes (CTC and CDC), Cllr Peter Braidwood (GCC), Cllr John Burgess (CTC, CDC and GCC) and Caroline Braidwood (Secretary)

Louise Foreman, Community Coordinator, The U

Introduced herself and explained how the U is working with Bromfords to bring first aid training to communities. She invited members to a session that will be run on Tuesday, 26 July at 6pm in the community room at Mulberry Court.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Jenny Smith, Roger Sweeting, Jamie Walton (CTC) PCSO Renee Morgan.

2. To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 14 June 2011

Proposed by Janet Broomfield, Seconded by Rose Leicester and Unanimously resolved to be an accurate recorded and signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

4. Chairman's Report

Nothing further to report.

5. Finance Report

The Financial Statement (attached) was noted.

Mike Jupp proposed a vote of thanks to Bromfords for the donation towards the Fete.

6. Election of Chairman – To serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2013

Malcolm Lewis was Proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander and Seconded by Cllr John Burgess and unanimously elected Chairman for another year.

7. Election of Officers:

Vice Chairman – Tony Cooper. Proposed by Malcolm Lewis, Seconded by Ros Lewis and unanimously elected.

Secretary – Caroline Braidwood. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander, Seconded by Tony Cooper and unanimously elected.

Treasurer – Caroline Braidwood Proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley Alexander, Seconded by Tony Cooper and unanimously elected.

Social Secretary – Janet Broomfield Proposed by Brian Smith, Seconded by Peter Braidwood and unanimously elected.

Press & Publicity - Ros Lewis Proposed by Caroline Braidwood, Seconded by Janet Broomfield and unanimously elected.

All to serve until the Annual General Meeting in 2013

8. Election of Social Committee

Rose Leicester, Kath Smith, Lynn Smith and Brian Smith were all unanimously elected to serve on the Social Committee until the Annual General Meeting in 2013.

9. Police, Town, District and County Councillors' Reports

- Cllr Burgess proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Mrs Alexander and her team for all the work they had given to the Jubilee celebrations. Mrs Alexander explained that she had received lots of help and the Risk Assessment had only received approval at the 11th hour.
- Cllr Burgess explained that a plan of the Town's grasscutting areas has now been finalised. It has been a lot of work to prepare and shows who is responsible for what.
- Rose Leicester asked if the area of grass behind Beech Grove Court is a wildlife area as it has not been cut and Cllrs Burgess and Alexander agreed to investigate.
- Arnolds Close and Fosse Way are due to be resurfaced at end of the month and the main route through the old Beeches Estate is also to be resurfaced.
- Cllr Braidwood advised that there is no firm date for the installation of the new London Road junction with Burford Road but confirmed that London Road will not be resurfaced. It was noted that Golden Farm Road also needs attention but there are no plans in place.

10. Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership - Update

Seems to be working well under Jamie Walton and the Town Council umbrella.

11. Community Building - Update

It is hoped that the new Primary School will open in 2014 /15 and it was noted that Dobbies

has offered support for large landscaping projects.

12. Reports

Community Speed Watch – Keith Handley

Keith explained that this will be progressed with Jamie Walton liaising with Andy Fogden.

Pop Inn Progress – Malcolm Lewis (Chairman)

Continuing well.

Litter Picking –Doug Emmott

Big Clean Up – This coming Saturday morning at Melmore Gardens. A good job has been done on fences and currently working to clear ground in preparation for grass seed sowing.

Welcome Packs – Mike Jupp and Doug Emmott

Arranging with Roger Sweeting to share responsibilities.

Mulberry Court – Claire Charlesworth

Not available

13. Social Committee

Summer Fete – Sunday, 5 August

- Bunting design competition - who won ? – Cllr Mrs Alexander to investigate
- Thanks to Pop Inn members for supporting the Fete
- Challenge issued on Facebook to raise volunteers for the Wet Sponge stand.
- Need donations for prizes
- Posters available and A5 for cars
- Photograph with Olympic Torch
- Will cancel if the weather is bad.
- Need help putting up bunting on the previous evening
- Stall holders to set up from 11 am
- Tables to be collected at 10 am
- Need to save some space on car park for police car and bike (hopefully)

Trip to Weston – Tuesday, 14 August

- Sold Out
- Weymouth next year

Bingo Evening - December - TBC

Youth - Considering Disco

Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning in the World - End of September

Christmas Dinner - Booked at Ingleside - date tbc

14. Any Other Business

Keith Handley:

Parking on corners on the wrong side of road in Beeches Park – advise the Police
Highways are checking overhanging branches as many are below the statutory 2.3m and overgrown hedges

There are dead elms on the path behind the school

Parking against dropped kerbs can attract a £60 fine

Foot bridge Grove Lane – vegetation overgrowing bridge. Anyone can cut it back unless Japanese knotweed is present.

Parking on pavement and driving across green – owner of green - Bromfords

Mike Jupp:

Link road between North Home Road and Kingshill Meadow – now intended to be multi user.

Needs Dog and Litter bins

Cllr Burgess has asked for a grit bin

Pre-School Playgroup

Phoenix Playgroup is failing to attract new children and could close. It may be able to include a facility in new School development but it will be too late for the Phoenix.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 13 September 2012 at Golden Farm Pub starting at 6.30 pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.40 pm