

# BEECHES COMMUNITY GROUP

## Minutes of Meeting held on 11 February 2013

**Present:** Malcolm Lewis (Chairman), Janet Broomfield (Social Secretary), Tony Cooper (Vice-Chairman), Mike Jupp, Roger Sweeting, Doug Emmott, Keith Handley, Ros Lewis, Jamie Walton (CTC), Rose Leicester, Jenny Smith, Cllr Peter Braidwood (GCC), James Trotter (Bromfords) and Caroline Braidwood (Secretary & Treasurer)

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

PCSO Renee Morgan, Claire Bartlett (Bromfords)

**2. To Approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 10 January 2012**

Unanimously agreed to be an accurate recorded and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes that are not Included on the Agenda  
Handrail for Arnolds Way - Cllrs Braidwood and Burgess**

In hand.

**Crossing and Speed Signage on Burford Road – Cllrs Braidwood and Burgess**

No news to report.

**Cirencester Parking Partnership – Cllrs Braidwood and Burgess**

The Town Council meeting last month was attended by over 100 residents who were unanimously against the new residents parking proposals. GCC have now identified an additional potential 100 parking spaces and, therefore, has recommended that the status quo is maintained.

**Path under Golden Farm Bridge**

The Town Council is carrying out the work with a contribution from Highways.

**4. Chairman's Report**

**5. Finance Report**

Same as January. Holding £633 in the account.

**6. Police, Town, District and County Councillors'**

**Police** – unavailable. Crime figures for January are:

Criminal Damage- 2

Theft- 3

Burglary Dwelling- 2

Burglary Non-Dwelling- 6

Shoplifting- 1

Harassment- 1

Common Assault - 1

Total- 16

It was agreed to ask if there is any obvious reason for the increase.

**Town Council** – Jamie Walton

Jamie advised that he is working on the Town's Emergency plan and wished to identify people to help with local resilience. He asked for a Welcome pack for his records and there was some discussion on the location of a dog waste bin in Golden Farm Road.

**7. Social Media and Logo – Cllr J Hughes**

Not available

**8. Cirencester Neighbourhood Partnership**

**Bus Gate Petition – Mike Jupp**

Mike advised that he had obtained 492 signatures and had spoken at the TC meeting where he had received a favourable response. Our MP has written to GCC and will be visiting the site. GCC will respond to the petition by 1 March. Mike advised that work is progressing on the bus-gate

**Dog Fouling Petition – Update**

Mike had also obtained signatures and comments from residents that there are not enough

dog bins and they are not emptied frequently enough. It was agreed that Wardens need to patrol at dog walking times i.e. early morning and late evening. It was further agreed that there is a lack of enforcement and that photographs and names are needed to enable authorities to pursue. It was agreed to include the issue in the Churn article and to contact Stroud DC to find out how they tackled the problem. It was noted that litter and fouling problems have been solved in Australia by with heavy fines. The Chairman and Doug Emmott are planning to meet with Standard reporter to publicise the matter.

**Quiz Evening Fund Raising Event for The Churn – 22 March at 8 pm at the Jubilee Club**

About 10 people are interested and it would be good to encourage others, too.

**Community Warden Scheme**

It was agreed to investigate further.

**9. Kingshill Community Facility – Update**

The Secretary advised that she has been appointed a Governor at Watermoor School and that the move to Beeches has now been officially announced. The School will include a Community facility and Malcolm Lewis, Tony Cooper, Keith Handley and Caroline Braidwood are pursuing discussions with the School to see how we will work together. Further information at the next meeting.

**Reports**

**Community Speed Watch – Keith Handley**

Keith Handley advised that there will be a meeting with TC shortly to progress this initiative. It was confirmed that 20mph signs have been installed inside ring road but it is un-enforceable and would require speed tracking devices every 50m to enable enforcement.

**Neighbourhood Watch – Keith Handley**

Keith advised that he has set up meetings at Mulberry Court on 26 February and 5 March for Corinium Via and Kingshill Meadow residents.

**Pop Inn Progress – Malcolm Lewis**

Progressing well.

**Litter Picking – Doug Emmott**

Doug advised that he has been out of action recently and about to resume activities.

**Welcome Packs – Mike Jupp and Doug Emmott**

Nothing to report.

**Mulberry Court – Claire Charlesworth**

Not available

**Bromford Living – James Trotter**

Nothing to report.

**Fairshares – Caroline Braidwood**

It was advised that Fairshares are only logging 2 hours per week for the Pop Inn although many more hours are being used for the Group. Members were asked to complete membership forms and advise hours used on Community work at each meeting or by email to Caroline.

**Social Events**

**Summer Fete – 9 June 2013 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Queen's Coronation**

Janet Broomfield advised that the Standard will run a competition to find a Princess who will be crowned and open the Fete. There will be stalls and entertainment. The Golden Farm pub will do a BBQ. We will need raffle prizes. It was agreed that it should be a Community Event and if funds are raised they will go to BCG and Air Ambulance.

**Any Other Business**

- Police meeting – The next in April is to be held at Beeches – Caroline to confirm date with Ingleside and Jamie.
- It was noted that water is running across the road at Queen Elizabeth Road.
- Flood at roundabout on Grove Lane – junction is being remodelled and some drains will be moved. Cllr Braidwood to take up with Highways.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Thursday, 14 March 2013 at Ingleside House starting at 6.30 pm.**

**The meeting was closed at 7.40 pm**