



Beeches Community Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2015

Present: Stuart Tarr (Chair,) Lynn Hilditch (Secretary), Mike Jupp, Keith Handley, Sam Ralston, Paige Lilley (Community Services), James Trotter

1.	<p>Welcome and apologies:, Tim Killen, PCSO Renee Broad, Malcolm Lewis, Cllr Nigel Robins (Town, District and CTC), Dr Renata Reece (CTC)</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Jupp asked that para 10 bullet point 2 (Alexcars) be struck from the minutes. • Change bullet point 3 to read MJ was of the opinion that the speed limit needs to be changed by GCC from 30MPH to 20MPH • Change or reorder the numbering of minutes' items (there are 2 x paras 10) • Delete "and lighting columns" from the last bullet point in para 10 • The minutes, with the changes, were approved by MJ and seconded by KH
3.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes that are not included in the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
4.	<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Road had been resurfaced and the traffic lights installed but not yet switched on. There has been damage done to the pressure points on London Road which will delay the functioning of the traffic lights • The solar powered 30MPH warning sign had been reinstated on the approach to Cirencester on the Burford Road • Watermoor School fete will be held on Saturday 11 July. The Beeches Community Group has a stand with free raffle and candy floss. The candy floss machine had been returned by Churn Project; sugar and colouring for over 100 have been sourced. A gazebo and table had been obtained the first prize for the raffle was a meal for 4 at the Four Pillars and the second prize was for a meal from the Golden Farm pub.
5.	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>BCG account still stands at circa £160 in the account. Costs of the fete banner and leaflet printing have been met by the CTC from the community fund.</p>
6.	<p>Police, Town, Beeches and New Mills District and County Councillors' Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defer Police report to Item 8 • The County Councillor report was in the form of a written statement from Cllr Nigel Robbins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London road has been resurfaced. No accidents despite the lack of functioning traffic lights • Issues of identifying polling stations during the recent elections for the newly formed wards of New Mills and Beeches • A project to clear litter from the bramble patch near Queen Elizabeth Road with Town and Highways collaborating and a handrail possibly to be installed • CTC will carry out ground work for an Active Together scheme concentrating on outdoor skills equipment for adults between the skate park and Watermoor Primary and for young people between the school and the main footpath • There is a delay connecting Kingshill South and Beeches via the bus gate while GCC considers its options.

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Other Reports/Presentations/Actions

- Update on Completion of Burford Road junction & crossing improvement works.
 - A request to remove the roadworks signage will be made to GCC
 - ST will speak to GCC regarding the timing for the activation of the Burford Road traffic lights
 - The Burford Road litter bin is missing since the roadworks were completed
 - A safety review of the new road layout will be in 2-3 months
- Update on Tesco Roundabout review of speed of traffic from Cllr Robbins
 - Tesco roundabout issues are to be left for NR to pursue.

8. **Reports**

- **Crime Report** – Written report from Renee Broad

	May	June
Violence	3	2
Burglary	1	1
Theft	8	12
Fraud	2	1
Criminal Damage	4	1
Drugs		2
Others	1	
Total	19	19

- Research of the figures has shown that the Co-op Petrol Station is in Hares Bush which is in the Abbey Ward. Crime figures from the station have been included in the Beeches and should be disregarded. Changes will be made to update the data sources.
- **Community Speed Watch** – Keith Handley
 - Dates for the Community Speedwatch Training are:
 - Saturday 11 July 3pm and Sunday 26 July 6pm
 - Volunteers to train should contact Keith Handley. Councillors NR and TC were requested to name people they knew but to date no names are forthcoming.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - Keith Handley
 - Kingshill and Fosse Close still to be established. No response from the proposed sponsors.
 - Crime Prevention Equipment can be purchased from the Police Station for £11 (a large discount) – includes smart water marker pens for marking valuable items
- **No cold calling** signs -the Institute of fund Raisers have stated that from 1 Sep 15, if a property displays a sign which contains the words **No Cold Calling** fund raisers are not allowed to approach the property. Save the children have banned Cold Calling by phone. These words will be identified on the NW website and identify poster suppliers.
- **Bromford Living** – James Trotter
 - The current nursery school accommodation on Fosse Close is being developed into housing accommodation. Approach may be made to Watermoor School to relocate a nursery.
 - Sleepers (wooden and usable) are available for recycling – suggestions to approach Phoenix Gardeners or Glos wildlife Group.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corinium Via Residents' Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Redrow have advised that the planned opening from the Burford Road to the playground on the Corinium Via will not be instated whilst there are objections from the residents of the houses closest to the play area ○ Meadfleet undertake ground maintenance of the Corinium Via estate through Green Elephant Gardeners; outstanding grass cutting/garden weeding work has now been caught up
9.	<p>Bus Gate – Mike Jupp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concrete barrier was removed allowing cars and motorcycles to transit through. Berkley Homes have now put up a 6ft fence but this still allows motorcycles to access the route. • A bus service will provisionally start at the beginning of August. The enforcement camera will then be activated to stop traffic using the bus lane, Kingshill Meadow to North Home Road, but it is incorrectly positioned and a second camera will be needed to read the licence plates of motorcycles travelling from north to south.
10.	<p>BCG Website Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The website has now been transferred from Peter Braidwood to Tim Killen. <p>Tim will be the manager of the website which is to be reviewed together with the Facebook page. It is proposed that the Web page will be used for business items and Facebook used for Social and information. Sam Ralston has reactivated Facebook and has begun to post social and community events and updates there.</p>
11.	<p>Social Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingshill School Community Summer Fete – as updated under Item 4 to which Sam and Mike contributed
12.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a written statement Roger Sweeting updated the Committee about the Beeches-Preston footpath. The South East side of Kingshill Meadow has hardened sand paths which connect to the footpath by the large pylon. There is no footpath marker yet. Roger will continue to request signs to point people to the path. Locals will no longer need to climb a fence to get to Preston.
13.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 17 September 2015 at 7.00 pm Ingleside House, Beeches Road</p>



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