

Beeches Community Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2015

Present: Stuart Tarr (Chair), Tim Killen (Secretary), Tatyana Cheung (CTC New Mills) Malcolm Lewis, Mike Jupp, Keith Handley, Lynn Hilditch, Howard Toplis, David Rollason, Terry O'Flynn, Sam Ralston, Wade Raney

1.	Welcome and apologies: Nick Bridges, Caroline Braidwood, PCSO Renee Broad, Kathryn Toplis, Cllr Nigel Robbins (District & CTC), Paul Maidens,
2.	Minutes from previous meetings: These were accepted as a true record but it was noted by Mike Jupp that there was previous discussion on Bus Gate vandalism & also a typo relating to the Kingshill school hand rail.
3.	Matters arising from the minutes that are not included in the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
4.	Chairman's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considerable time spent on CCV fence issue• Considerable time spent on Burford Road• Time also spent on recent Election where the Chairman was successful in being elected to CTC• The Chairman advised that Paul Maidens would stand down at Vice Chairman of the BCG & Chairman of the CCV Residents association. Nominations for filling these positions would be taken and voted for during the elections at the AGM in November. Action – Nomination Forms can be provided by the Secretary upon request.• The running of the BCG website is to be taken over by the Secretary once arrangements have been made with Paul Braidwood. Any suggestions on how the website could be improved are to be discussed during the July meeting.
5	Finance Report: BCG account still stands at circa £160 in the account
6.	Corinium Via: proposed fence opening in SW corner near playing ground. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On the 28th April Redrow Homes confirmed that the fence is to remain closed.• Meadfleet will adopt the path in the playpark and the fence• The current lights in the playpark need to have their operation & costs for running confirmed• No planning change requests will be made by Redrow to remove opening from the plan• David Rollason raised the issue that the fences have been damaged by vandals in the past and he asked what could be done in terms of protecting the properties on the estate from the security issues faced by the people trying to access from the Burford Road. Note the responsibility for the boundary fences lay with the property owners Action - Advice on security was requested to be provided from Neighbourhood Watch.

7.	<p>New Mills (Tatyan Cheung)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tatyan Cheung was introduced as recently elected Cirencester Town Councillor for New Mills & District Councillor for Cirencester • Cirencester has now gone from 5 to 8 wards • The town council now has 15 town councillors from the 8 Wards 2 councillors represent each Ward except New Mills which currently has 1 councillor at this time. • Boundary changes for Cirencester can be found at - http://my.cotswold.gov.uk/mcd.aspx • Tatyan stated he would be very interested to bring along more people to the BCG meeting and to promote cross communication between the Beeches & New Mills. • There was a discussion relating to the use of Neighbourhood Watch to promote BCG across the
8.	<p>Beeches (Stuart Tarr & Nigel Robbins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Tarr and Nigel Robbins were confirmed as recently elected Cirencester Town Councillor for Beeches Ward • Nigel Robbins elected as District Councillor • A full report to be provided during the next meeting.
9.	<p>Crime report: (Keith Handley)</p> <p><u>March:</u> Violence- 4 Sexual Offences- 1 Burglary- 4 Theft- 8 Fraud- 2 Criminal Damage- 4 Drugs- 1 Total- 24</p> <p><u>April:</u> Violence- 3 Burglary- 3 Theft- 4 Criminal Damage- 1 Total- 11</p> <p>Cirencester is unfortunately still suffering with a spate of break-ins to sheds with several being reported in the last few days. The current trend appears to be garden sheds being targeted rather than sheds on allotments.</p> <p>Recently in and around Cirencester there was a series of thefts from vehicles belonging to Tradesmen with tools stolen. Please be aware and report anything suspicious.</p>
10.	<p>County Council report (Nigel Robbins) Not present:</p> <p>No report at this meeting – it is requested for Nigel Robbins to follow up on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that A417 missing link remedy • Amey contract • Burford Road improvements, street lights & speed signs • Tesco roundabout and dual carriageway speed limits/traffic lights

11.	<p>Neighbourhood Watch (Keith Handley)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Fogden has now retired • Kingshill and Foss Close NHW are being established
10.	<p>Bus gate (Mike Jupp);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bus route will not open until later in the year, but the concrete bollards have been removed • Alexcars have been seen parking on the bus gate • It was advised by MJ that the speed limit needs to be changed by GCC from 30MPH • There has been damage to MJ property • The CCTV camera and lighting columns will not be turned on until the road is adopted
12.	<p>Bank Signatories: No action</p>
13	<p>Speedwatch: Keith Handley confirmed the Beeches CSW is up and running. Keith, supported by Paul Maidens and his son carried out speedwatch on the Burford Road/London Road and readings were taken up to 39MPH. On the 22nd April further readings were taken on Querns Lane and speeds were taken up to 26MPH in the town centre location. Keith requested that more volunteers come forward to be trained and support this important activity.</p>
14	<p>Burford Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed activated camera: Keith Handley & Gary Handley to follow up regarding the reinstatement of a 30MPH vehicle activated speed sign (VAS). • There is also a final assessment of the Burford Road works to be completed after the completion of all the civil works and the installation of the traffic lights. • Due to the risk of speeding Keith is to follow up and request non mandatory 30MPH signs to be fitted along the Burford Road. This was supported by the BCG.
15.	<p>Litter (Malcom Lewis/Stuart Tarr)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The litter situation remains the same and broadly acceptable. • Malcolm is to confirm a date for a Community Litter Pick for the summer. • Litter sticks are available on request from CTC • Kingshill Meadow was mentioned to need litter bins. <p style="text-align: right; color: red;">Action: Stuart is to request Nick Bridges to provide records of bins for Beeches</p>
16.	<p>Overhanging Trees (Wade Raney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wade has trees overhanging his property and has requested support on the matter. • The Chairman advised that he had been in contact with Amey who advised that Highways owned the trees and unless they posed a danger to properties that trimming would not occur.
17	<p>Watermoor Primary School Fete</p> <p>Tim Killen advised that Watermoor School will have a summer fete on the 11th July from 2pm to 5pm and BCG have been advised that we can place a stall at the fete to raise awareness of the group to the local community.</p> <p style="color: red;">Action: Sam Ralston agreed to make the arrangement for the stall with the support of Malcom Lewis and Mike Jupp (Social Secretary). Stuart Tarr and Tim Killen confirmed support to attend the event.</p>
<p>We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting at Ingleside on Thursday July 9th at 7pm</p>	