



Beeches Community Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2015

Present: Stuart Tarr (Chair), Tim Killen (Secretary), Mike Jupp, Keith Handley, James Trotter, Tatyana Cheung (Part time)

1.	<p>Welcome and apologies:, PCSO Renee Broad, Malcolm Lewis, Cllr Nigel Robins (Town, District and CTC), Dr Renata Rees (CTC), Lynn Hilditch, Sam Ralston, Paige Lilley (Community Services), Paul Maidens, Caroline Braidwood</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • General - London Road works have now need completed and snagging seems to have been completed. Awaiting confirmation from GCC of the results of the RSA 3 post-works completion audit, plus the issue associated with the parking bay area at the bottom of London Road and the reinstatement of the litter bin on the north bound carriage way of Burford Road removed by Britannia during the works. • July - The Watermoor School fete was held on Saturday 11 July. The Beeches Community Group attended with a stand, free raffle, prizes and candy floss. The fete was a big success and the BCG stand was very well attended and over 150 free candifloss were given away to local residents. £66 in donations were collected on the day and will be added to the BCG funds. • The Chairman gave a big thank you Mike Jupp Tim Killen & Malcolm Lewis for supporting. The efforts and energy from Sam Ralston were given a special thank you , as Sam out in a huige amount of effort into arranging the raffle prizes and getting support for the event from local businesses. • The Chairman gave a further thank you to Paige Lilley and Renata Rees from CTC, for their efforts and support in arranging the leaflets and banners, as well as attending on the day. • The candy floss machine was cleaned and retained by Tim Killen for future events. Mike Jupp repaired and retained the gazebos. • Photos of the Fete can be found on the BCG Website. • August - Chairman and Secretary for BCG met with Renata Rees from CTC to discuss the CTC Commitment to Ward Based Community Groups. Working with the CTC to explore how the CTC and Community Groups could work together to improve community engagement and exposure. The final CTC report to be issued following the departure of Renata Rees.
5.	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>BCG account still stands at circa £160 in the account. Plus the addition funds of £66 raised at the Watermore School fete..</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 not submitted prior to the meeting. A written statement was provided from Cllr Nigel Robbins in the week following the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes. • The Chairman raised the issue of the GCC proposed sale of the Purley Road/Victoria Road land. There is a public meeting to be held on the 23rd September at the Barn Theatre. Councillor Cllr Joe Harris will lead the public meeting, with other councillors present, including Stuart Tarr (town councillor for The Beeches ward) and Cllr David Henson (town councillor for St Michael's ward which includes the Purley Road site). • There is a delay connecting Kingshill South and Beeches via the bus gate while GCC considers its options and this will not be progressed until the end of the year. <p>New Mills - Tatyán Cheung</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cheung advised that his priority issues for New Mills had been crime, safety, litter and dog mess, whilst also focusing on community friendly issues. 																																	
7.	<p>Other Reports/Presentations/Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Completion of Burford Road junction & crossing improvement works. • Update on Tesco Roundabout review of speed of traffic from Cllr Robbins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tesco roundabout issues are to be left for NR to pursue. 																																	
8.	<p>Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime Report – Written report for Cirencester from PCSO Renee Broad given by Keith Handley <table border="0" data-bbox="454 966 1055 1386"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>July</th> <th>August</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Violence</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary</td> <td>0</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft</td> <td>12</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fraud</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drugs</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Others</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>16</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beeches Ward</td> <td>2</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New MillsWard</td> <td>6</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> • Community Speed Watch – Keith Handley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates for the Community Speedwatch Training were given and TK agreed to complete this in September. ○ The solar powered 30MPH warning sign has been reinstated on the approach to Cirencester on the Burford Road & the temporary cardboard 30MPH signs have now been removed from the Burford Road • Neighbourhood Watch - Keith Handley No development • Litter Picking – Malcolm Lewis - No development • Bromford Living – James Trotter James advised that Kingshill has a new housing manager – Sally Alder. James will continue to be contact until Sally is onboard. James to provide Sally’s details to Chairman. 		July	August	Violence	2	2	Burglary	0	3	Theft	12	5	Fraud	0	0	Criminal Damage	2	1	Drugs	0	0	Others	0	0	Total	16	11	Beeches Ward	2	8	New MillsWard	6	1
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corinium Via Residents' Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There have been a number of 'For Sale' and 'For Let' signs positioned on the fence bordering the play area adjacent to Burford Road. The properties that they are representing are not known or not indicated directly and the signs have been in position for some time. It was agreed that Paul Maidens/ST/TK to review the process of these being removed by the owners. ○ The Chairman advised that he had also spent time dealing with some grounds maintenance issues and also Housing Association matters at Sovereign and Cottsway.
9.	<p>Bus Gate – Mike Jupp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the removal of the concrete barrier motorcycles, cars, taxis and removal vehicles are still accessing the Busgate route, along with others who have previously caused damage to his property. • Mike believes the construction of the Busgate does not comply with the design and standards needed for this type of construction. MJ confirmed he will take this up with GCC. The Chairman offered his continued support to MJ on this matter and offered to contact Neil Troughton.
10.	<p>BCG Website Review</p> <p>Tim is managing the website and asks for input from all concerned on what we want to use the website and how we can raise more interest in the BCG, along with using Facebook and also the local written press..</p> <p>Sam Ralston to review Facebook and post social and community events and updates. Stuart Tarr to approach local written press (Churn Newsletter/Glos&Wilts Standard) to see if they can write news article on BCG to raise awareness and increase our profile.</p>
11.	<p>Social Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the success of the Kingshill School Community Summer Fete it was hoped that further Social Events could be proposed for 2016. • Mike also suggested that the BCG Committee and Friends look to meet more often, maybe for a Christmas event in early December or even just for a social drink now and again. All agreed this was a good idea.
12.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman agreed to contact David Pruit for an update on the bus service review. • Cllr Cheung agreed to contact NR regarding the double yellow lines on North Holme Road. .
13.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The AGM will be held on Thursday 12 November 2015 at 7.00 pm Ingleside House, Beeches Road</p>



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Addendum A

County Councillor Report, September 2015

1. I have allocated the entirety of my 2014/15 Active Together money (£40,000 in total for the Ciren Beeches division)) to A) the Beeches Opportunity Group's Forest Play Scheme and B) the creation of an Adult Exercise Park adjacent to the new Watermoor School and the Skate Park. The putting together of the latter involved quite a lot of work with the Town Council, who will install and maintain it, but both bids were successful.

2. The local Highways team from Amey plc have agreed to tackle the bramble forest and general rubbish trap behind the Austin Rd flats on Q.Eliz Rd and to clear the Beeches Rd undergrowth which has completely obscured the school sign. Further clearance work can be done on request. They did clear the London Rd footpath a couple of weeks ago.

3. We need to look carefully at the Pegasus planning application beyond Corinium Via and I will find out what s.106 benefits have been proposed.. CDC still does not involve councillors in early discussions about these.

4. The Tesco roundabout. As you know, as a result of our pressure the carriage lines were repainted but there is considerable resistance from Highways (and from Amey) to do any radical overhaul to this roundabout, partly for lack of money and partly because the accident rate there is well below their threshold for urgent attention. They suggested I might like to pay for screens along the grassy strips between the carriageways from the Fire station and from Preston toll bar to the roundabout. I said I did not have this money from the Highways Local budget; apparently a temporary pilot (to see if it might work) would cost almost as much as digging in permanent screens. The idea behind this is that if car drivers have a restricted vision of traffic coming from the right as they approach the roundabout they will slow right down. This would give Kingshill South residents more time to get out into the mainstream. However this rather goes against driver preferences for improving visibility on safety grounds, such as cutting back vegetation. I would be interested to know what organisations like the AA would say about such a proposal. If anybody can come up with another cheap solution I would be very interested to promote it.

Best Wishes,

Nigel Robbins