

RIVERMEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Leaseholders Association for owners of Rivermead Flats, Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 7:30PM MONDAY 17 JULY 2006, FLAT 127.

Present:

John Turner, Chair [JT]

Tim McCormick, Secretary [TM]

Marie Wilkes [MW]

Irene Dunstan [ID]

Sally Gatherall [SG]

Christine Girolomini [CG]

Apology: Jason Greensmith [JG]

1. Committee Business

JT opened the meeting, and reported that Association Treasurer/Vice-Chair Oliver Pritchard is leaving Rivermead. The Association will therefore need a new Treasurer/Vice-Chair. It was generally agreed that the Committee should get someone "lined up" in time for the AGM.

JT also reported that Tony Williams has resigned from the Committee.

2. Flood Defences

CG noted that the Environment Agency have closed off the pathway next to Beckett's School, and that consequently the shop is likely to lose business during the Riverside Festival. She wondered whether the EA told us they would close this path? Other Committee members replied that we were aware of this.

CG said that we need to contact the EA again to begin discussing the reinstatement of the riverbank and garden. SG asked whether we should arrange to speak to the EA again in mid. September? The Committee agreed. SG said she would contact Andy Pemberton at the EA to arrange this.

JT said he has contacted the Council about reinstatement of lighting along the riverside path after the flood defence construction is complete, but so far got no response. He will re-send the letter.

JT reported that he has been contacted by Avril Johnson. She complained that the piling of the flood defences has been causing shaking of her flat, and things have fallen off shelves.

There was discussion about whether or not the Association is going to hire a surveyor and/or solicitor to advise/represent us in our dealings with the EA. TM said he would check who had been recommended. [Local surveyor John Brailsford, and Shacklocks solicitors, have been recommended].

3. Nuisance on Site

MW raised the issue of kids from Beckett's School hanging around the car park and dropping litter. She said that the bistro-style tables outside the shop encourage people to hang around, leading to litter and noise. CG asked whether the Committee could send a letter to the school about this. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

4. Health and Safety

ID reported that a health and safety representative has been encountered around the site. He seems to work for Freshwater. He is concerned about door mats, carpets, plant pots *etc.* in communal areas, and told ID off about the carpet in the communal hall outside her flat. She asked whether we can raise this with Mr Mott at the AGM, and this was agreed.

JT said that on the subject of H&S, there is an issue about parked cars blocking the Yale House fire hydrant.

ID noted that the mouldy Audi car parked alongside Yale House now has a "Police aware" notice, but has not been removed. She said the notice has been there more than 28 days. It was agreed to raise this with Mr Mott at the AGM.

5. Car Parking

MW asked whether we can raise again the need for a painted arrow on the car park telling people to turn left at the entrance? This will be raised with Mr Mott at the AGM. [Since the meeting, but before these minutes were typed, such an arrow has been painted].

CG said that we need new parking permits. Residents should have to collect them from Pete and each one should be registered. She said that the old permits are being abused, by being lent to friends, *etc.* CG said she would contact Freshwater to ask if they can print new permits to replace the existing ones.

6. Leases

SG told the meeting that she has enquired into the cost of extending her lease. She said that Rivermead leases currently have 68 years left, being 99-year leases that started in 1974. The cost of extending the lease is about £10 000. She noted that some building societies will not lend money on a lease that has less than 70 years to run.

Next meeting: September 2006.

Tim McCormick, 15 August 2006