

Rivermead Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting, Flat 135, 21st June 2010, 7.30pm

Present

Rachel Gama (Chair), Peter Walsh (Treasurer), Nicki Puckey (Secretary), Marina Webster, Marilyn Ash, Jean Minshall, Gill Catchpole

Apologies

No apologies were received.

Matters arising

Last minutes agreed as okay, no matters arising.

Asbestos

General discussion about the latest letter received from Freshwater regarding the asbestos found in the communal areas. Emails have also been received from residents. One suggested putting back the electrical works until next year and diverting the money already allocated for this towards the asbestos removal. Was agreed that buildings as old as this all have some form of asbestos. RG is to contact Freshwater about the proposed costs of the asbestos removal and the latest situation.

Leases

The surveyor visited Rivermead to inspect the flats, no news has been received yet.

Summer Party

Hospice buckets arranged (MA kindly collected from the Hospice and passed to NP). A couple more prizes were needed for the raffle and GC and MW agreed to provide these. A notice advertising the summer party should be put up on the noticeboards and leaflets put through each letterbox round the 1st August. MW and MA will deliver the leaflets and NP will print them. Raffle tickets are needing to be sold, and it was agreed that MW with the help of MA would sell in Yale and Princeton and TM would be asked to sell in Harvard (TM was not at the meeting so this has to be agreed). £1 a strip of tickets.

Any Other Business

Thefts from garages - RG has been in contact with Freshwater. They are putting new notices up about security in the garages and writing to each flat that rents a parking space to alert them to make sure bikes etc are securely chained. Access is possibly being made to potential thieves by them gaining access to the garages as key holders enter or exit. More vigilance is needed. Yale door - this was not working a short time ago, not allowing people to enter using the key so potentially people were locked out! It was agreed that we should have an emergency number to contact Freshwater out of hours

and at weekends when such an emergency arises so that they can deal with these situations.

BBQs – it was noted that a resident had set light to a bbq on their balcony. Although residents are free to enjoy their space, there are obvious safety concern about lit bbqs in such a small area, and also the anti-social nature of the smoke spreading to other flats around, especially in the hot weather when doors and windows are open. Mention is to made on the noticeboard in the post-meeting notice.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 6th September 2010 in flat 135.