

# Parklands Residents' Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parklands Residents' Association held in the Parklands Community Centre on Tuesday 24 January 2006 at 7.00 pm.

## Present

Ken Dowsett (Chair)	John Livingston
Mike Hallam (Minutes)	Ann Livingston
Cllr Brandon Eldred	Barbara Muddiman
Rhett Norris	John Muddiman
Jill Winstanley	Wendy Cooper
Jill Coombes	Brian Cooper
Marion Baker	P Wayman?
Liz Percival	John Croft?
Christine Evans	Mystery name?

## Apologies

Mick Willis	Simon Hegarty
Maxine Little	PC Collette Lyndon

## ACTION

### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mick Willis, Maxine Little, Simon Hegarty and PC Collette Lyndon

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5th September 2005 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

### 4. Matters Arising

#### 4.1 Tesco's

This was still a problem. Cllr Eldred stated that he was now going higher up the Tesco's chain of command and speaking to people at a regional rather than local level. This followed months of discussion with local managers who had promised action, but not delivered. Mr Hallam said that he would also approach a contact he had at Excel Logistics, who are in charge of Tesco's distribution.

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## **4.2. Fernie Fields**

Contrary to rumours, the new Community facility in Moulton Leys would not be called Parklands.

## **5. Chairman's Report**

### **5.1 Moulton Residents**

The Chairman mentioned that there was a possibility that Moulton residents become part of the Parklands Residents Association. This was put forward and accepted by all.

### **5.2 Proposed Development of Old Parklands Middle School Site**

The Chairman opened an in depth discussion about future development for the old Parklands Middle School, once NSG vacated the premises.

KD/BE

Cllr Eldred stated that the land was to be sold by the County Council and that it was almost certain that the land would be sold to a housing developer. He stated that under new government regulation, a certain percentage of this development would have to be built as both social and affordable housing. Cllr Eldred said that he had asked the Borough Council if they would be willing to buy the land from the County Council and for the land to be preserved as parkland. However, the land was valued between £3m - £5m. As this was such a large percentage of the total Borough Council budget, the Borough would not be able to afford to buy it. Several implications of a new housing development were discussed by the group, such as increased traffic and access to the new development. The Chair suggested that as the closing date for objections to the planning application was 17<sup>th</sup> March, that the group meet before their next planned meeting in March to discuss this issue.

### **5.3 Quad and Motorbike Issues**

Brian Cooper stated that he had also spoken to the Park Ranger who said he was willing to listen to problems with motorbikes/quad bikes and had offered to come to the next meeting. Details had also been passed to the police.

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### **5.4 Community Beat Officer**

Collette Lyndon had been appointed as the new Community Beat Officer for Parklands Ward. She was also in charge of training other Community Beat Officer's who will be training with Collette in Parklands Ward.

Collette brings with a wealth of experience from Merseyside and has already had an impact on some of the youth problems within the area. Collette has already introduced a yellow and red card warning system.

### **5.5 Neighbourhood Warden**

Linda ? had been appointed as our new neighbourhood warden. She would be training until the end of the March, then Parklands would be her area. She is a full time warden and will be working 40 hours a week.

## **6. Secretary's Report**

Correspondance had been received from;

Wickstead Park, issuing their diary for 2006.

Community Finance Service offering a course for Residents Associations, but you had to pay to attend.

## **7. Treasurers' Report**

There was £xxx in the account.

## **8. Any Other Business**

## **9. Time and Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm at Parklands Community Centre. This is to be held to primarily discuss the proposed planning application of the old Parklands Middle School site.

### **Distribution List**

#### **All Attendees**

#### **All Officers and Committee Members**

**Mike Hallam**

**Beverley & Richard Harrison**

**PC Collette Lyndon**

**Parklands Nursery School**

**Parklands Primary School**

**Northampton School for Girls**

**Northampton Borough Council**

**Shops on Oulton Rise and Coppice Drive**

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#### **Distributed via e-mail**

Brian Canavan

Brian and Wendy Cooper

Ken Dowsett

Simon Hegarty

Mike Hallam

Beverley and Richard Harrison

Maxine Little

Rhett Norris

Sylvia Shepherd

Anita Smith

Michael Willis

Cllr Brandon Eldred

Northampton Borough Council

Sarah Brooking

Sally Gedney

Penny Westwood

Collette Lyndon