

Parklands Residents' Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parklands Residents' Association held in the Parklands Community Centre on Tuesday 28 March 2006 at 7.00 pm.

Present

Ken Dowsett (Chair)	Barbara Muddiman
Brian Canavan	John Muddiman
Brian Cooper	Liz Percival
Mr P Gothard	Jill Sanderson
Mrs P W Gothard	Peggy Wayman
Simon Hegarty	Michael Willis
Barbara Lee	Sandra Willis
Maxine Little (Minutes)	Jill Winstanley
John Livingston	
	Cllr Brandon Eldred

Apologies

Wendy Cooper	Rhett Norris
Christine Evans	Anita Smith
Ann Livingston	
	PC Caroline Lindsey

ACTION

1. Minutes of the last Meeting held on 24 January 2006

The minutes of the last meeting, having previously been circulated, were agreed as read.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

3. Secretary's Report

3.1 Yellow Lining in Devon Way

A letter had been sent to the County Council Highway's department regarding yellow lines, no reply had been received.

3.2 Community Beat Officer

The residents had heard that the new community beat officer was to be sent elsewhere in the county. A letter had therefore been written to the Area Commander requesting that she remain in Parklands.

3.3 University Licence Application

The University Park Campus had submitted an application for an entertainment licence covering hours until 2.30 am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Everyone was urged to send letters of objection to the Licensing Officer by the closing date, 6 April 2006.

The address to write to was given as;
The Licensing Officer
Northampton Borough Council
The Guildhall
Northampton NN1 1DE

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Tescos

Michael Willis mentioned that Tescos are continuing to use large lorries. Brian Canavan added that the corner near to the Post Office had suffered further damage, and he had not received a satisfactory response when he had contacted the council about repairing the damage and replacing the missing bollards. Residents who had received minutes of the last Area Partnership meeting mentioned that a forward plan of proposed Highways works had been circulated. They were concerned that the works outside the Coppice Drive shops had not been included on this list. Cllr Eldred agreed that he would go back to Cllr Seery to find out why these works were not on the list. Many at the meeting were surprised to hear that there had been 28 accidents in the area in the previous three years. Cllr Eldred said that he had details of the statistics if anyone wanted further information. **BE**

4.2 Missing Trees

Brian Canavan reported that additional trees had been removed from Spinney Hill Road near to the Girls' School. Cllr Eldred and Brian Cooper agreed that they would take up this matter with the Borough Council. **BC, BE**

4.3 Works on Kettering Road

Many had seen traffic queued across the lights at the junction of Spinney Hill Road and Kettering Road and queried what the works causing the jams were for. It was heard that the path was being widened to accommodate a cycling lane and Cllr Eldred confirmed that there was a programme of works to gradually extend the width of all paths across the borough for this purpose.

4.4 Sale of Parklands Middle School Site

Following the extra meeting on 28 February to discuss the disposal of the Parklands Middle School site, a small group had met to draft a letter in response to the County Council's consultation. The letter that they had written had been sent to the County Council from Ken Dowsett on behalf of the Residents' Association. Ken reported that he had received an acknowledgement which said that a fuller response would be sent in due course.

Simon Hegarty informed the meeting that he had made a request under the Freedom of Information Act to the Department for Education and Skills about other applications to dispose of school playing fields. The reply had shown that since 1998 the DfES had received 1600 applications to dispose of school playing fields and of these 8 had been rejected. He had asked for further detail as to the reasons for the rejections and would let the group have further details when the answer was received.

4.5 Building Works at NSG

Brian Cooper asked that if there were still problems from the building works at the Girls' School that members let him know. He had a contact number for the

contractors, which had apparently been distributed to all houses adjacent to the school before the works had started.

4.6 Parklands Residents' Association Website

Simon Hegarty raised his concerns that many residents across the Parklands ward were still unaware of the Residents' Association and that this had been particularly highlighted by comments from people who had attended the meeting to discuss the Parklands Middle School disposal in February. He proposed spreading the word by leafleting the estate and establishing an Association website. He had already investigated the cost of a website and reserved a domain name (www.parklandsresidents.org.uk). After discussion it was agreed that this was a good idea. Simon was asked if he would continue to set up and manage the website on behalf of the group and it was agreed that he should be reimbursed the set up costs which came to approximately £30 (the cost of the domain name for twelve months). Simon agreed that he would find out the costs of producing a flyer.

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5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 30 May at 7.00 pm at the Parklands Community Centre.

Distribution List

All Attendees

All Officers and Committee Members

Lindsey Ambrose

PC Caroline Lindsey

Parklands Nursery School

Parklands Primary School

Northampton School for Girls

All Shops on Oulton Rise and Coppice Drive

Copy to be displayed at The Barn

Copy to be displayed at Community Centre

Distributed via e-mail

Brian Canavan

Brian and Wendy Cooper

Ken Dowsett

Simon Hegarty

Maxine Little

Rhett Norris

Sylvia Shepherd

Anita Smith

Michael Willis

Cllr Brandon Eldred

Lindsey Ambrose

Sarah Brooking

Sally Gedney

Penny Westwoods