

# Parklands Residents' Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parklands Residents' Association held in the Parklands Community Centre on Tuesday 29 May 2007 at 7.00 pm.

## Present

Tony Bull	John Muddiman
Brian Cooper (Chair)	Ged Norris
John Croft	Liz Percival
Chris Evans	Jill Sanderson
Richard Harrison	Sylvia Shepherd
Simon Hegarty	Peggy Wayman
Barbara Lee	Jill Winstanley
Maxine Little (Minutes)	PCSO David Bullock
John Livingston	Cllr Malcolm Mildren
Barbara Muddiman	Cllr Portia Wilson

## 1. Apologies

Wendy Cooper	Rhett Norris
Ann Livingston	PCSO Lucy Atkinson

**ACTION**

## 2. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular the new Borough councillors, elected at the beginning of the month. He thanked Brandon Eldred for the hard work that he had put in as the previous borough councillor and added that he would prove a hard act for Cllrs Mildren and Wilson to follow. He reminded the residents that Cllr Eldred was still the County Councillor for Parklands. Specific welcome was also given to David Bullock, Police Community Support Officer for the area.

## 3. Minutes of the last Meeting held on Tuesday 27 March 2007

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

## 4. Matters Arising

### 4.1 Poor Parking Around the Estate

Brian confirmed that the fire engines that had been observed throughout the estate were checking on routes through and where they had had difficulty getting between parked cars notices had been left.

Residents were reminded of the need to report any issues of dangerous parking to the police. It was heard that all occasions where police were called would be logged, and in this way they would begin to see on their database where the issues were arising. Again, whenever reporting any incident to the police, a reference number should be obtained.

The parking issue during events at Northampton School for girls had still not been resolved with the school stating that to open the contractor's car park would breach restrictions imposed by Borough Planners. Cllr Wilson asked for the e-mails received from the school to be forwarded and that she would take the matter up with the planning department.

**SH, PW**

TOPPS had now transferred to the County Council and could be contacted via their switchboard 01604 236236.

## **5 Police Community Support Officers**

Parklands now had two Police Community Support Officers, David Bullock and Lucy Atkinson. David was at the meeting and explained his role. The PCSOs are part of the Safer Communities Team together with a police officer and Neighbourhood Warden. This should mean that there would now be some continuity and Parklands should retain the same officers for at least two years.

Barbara Muddiman described the poor response from police following a recent attempted break-in. David apologised for the reaction that her family had received, however he added that it should not deter people from reporting any incidents. He added that it was important that an incident number was taken, this would give assurance that the call had been properly logged. David and Lucy could then review the logged incidents for Parklands and this would help with policing the area.

David could be contacted on 0845 700700 ext 7122 and Lucy on ext 7136.

### **5.1 Smart Water**

David explained about smart water which was a new way to mark valuables with a unique identity so that any recovered stolen property could be returned. Anyone interested was advised to speak to David after the meeting for more information.

## **6. Parklands Middle School Site**

Simon Hegarty provided further update on progress with the campaign to prevent the proposed development of the Parklands Middle School site.

- Feedback given by the residents after the last meeting about where they would like to see the Sport England recommended junior football pitch and changing rooms sited had been passed on to the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC). Parklands Tigers would also be consulted.
- There was still no definite date for the planning application to be heard by WNDC, who had advised that they were still awaiting further information from Atkins and Northamptonshire County Council. If it did go to committee before the next meeting everyone would be contacted.
- Devon way narrows at the top near the entrance to the community centre. In order to service the proposed development, the road would need to be widened. It was not known who owns this land, however it was not part of the school site being sold by the County Council. It was suggested that the land may be common land, or owned by the borough council, and Portia agreed to investigate this further.
- Anyone who had not yet completed a questionnaire for the village green application was urged to do this as soon as possible. In addition any householders with rear access onto the playing fields were asked to provide details. It was clarified that this information should be provided in addition to the general village green form. If anyone was unsure they were to speak to Simon after the meeting.
- A further meeting had been arranged by Sally Keeble MP for June and it was hoped that the developers would attend. Simon Hegarty and Brian Cooper would attend on behalf of the Residents' Association.

**PW**

- The Borough Councillors stated that they supported the residents' campaign against the development and would accept only the smallest development possible.

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **7.1 Football Tournament**

Local residents reported problems with the recent football tournament. Although they had no objections in principle they felt that with better organisation the problems this year could have been avoided (there had not been any problems in previous years). Issues that would be fed back to organisers to note for future events included;

- Advance notification to police and residents
- No waiting cones
- Arranging parking with Nationwide
- Asking adults to respect neighbours and curb their language

### **7.2 Model Helicopter Competition**

Another helicopter display weekend event was due to take place at Northampton University. The Borough Council Environmental Health Department had agreed to install noise measuring equipment for the weekend. Brian Cooper had also been speaking to organisers and they had made assurances that noise would be controlled.

### **7.3 University Union Festival**

The Students Union had circulated a leaflet advising that there would be a festival with live bands and a DJ on 9<sup>th</sup> June. There was a contact number on the leaflet for residents to report any issues (including excessive noise) during the event.

### **7.4 Neighbourhood Watch**

Brian had been advised that it may be possible to publish some of the neighbourhood watch incidents on the Parklands website.

#### **Distribution List**

**All Attendees**  
**All Officers and Committee Members**  
**All Parklands Ward Councillors**  
**Lindsey Ambrose**  
**PCSO David Bullock**  
**PCSO Lucy Atkinson**  
**Tony Nuamah**  
**Parklands Tigers Football Club**  
**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  
 Mike Hallam  
 Simon Hegarty  
 Maxine Little  
 Rhett Norris  
 Sylvia Shepherd  
 Michael Willis  
 County and Borough Councillors  
 Council Officers  
 Police Community Support Officers  
 School Heads  
 Parklands Tigers FC