

Whinfield Residents Association

(inc The Friends of Beech Wood)

Minutes of Meeting held in Oban Court On Wednesday 21st January 2015 at 7pm

Present: A Rudkin, D Milner, J Murray, C Hardy, G Foster, J Foster, Councillor T Nutt, C Milner, P Voss, A Robinson, D Binks, Mrs M Hare, P M Green, R Fitzparick, R Adams, J Upton, T Watson, C Bean, M Haw, C Jackson, Councillor D Lyonette

Apologise for Absence: Helen Crumbie, and Councillor Alan Macnab.

Treasurers Report:

New signatories set up for WRA account.

Account balance after payment of debts £772.72.

Secretary's Report:

New posters designed and now displayed in local locations advertising the next two meetings.

New dedicated e-mail address now set up for contacting WRA.

New registration process introduced. Where agreed, e-mail addresses will be used for the future forwarding of minutes.

Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes read and approved. Approval proposed by Graham Foster and seconded by Councillor T Nutt.

Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

- Sparrow Hall Drive. Parking on grass verges and yellow Lines. Councillor T Nutt reported that after further investigation little more can be done on this owing to cost restrictions. This is a town wide issue. One possibility would be for Councillors to introduce a newsletter to advise local residents of the problem. In the interim residents to keep taking photographs to pass onto the Transport Department. **Action: Councillor T Nutt to further update at next meeting.**
- Advance notification to the WRA of major planning issues that could impact on our area. Councillor T Nutt reported that in principle this could be possible but he would have further discussions with the Planning Department. **Action: Councillor T Nutt to update at next meeting.**

- Muscar House Farm. Planning decision still on hold pending investigation by Highways Department.
- Condition of beech tree in Beech Wood and fallen branch from chestnut tree. **Action: Councillor T Nutt to speak with Phil Haynes, Arborist Officer, to organise a site inspection of the area. Anne Rudkin and any others to also attend during visit.**
- Destruction of litter bins in Beech Wood. Repair organised by Street Scene. Incident reported to police as should be all other incidents of anti-social behaviour.
- Councillor T Nutt confirmed that the new Whinfield boundaries will include Springfield Park.
- Springfield Park condition of play equipment. Twizzler roundabout now repaired. Rob George still to confirm frequencies of inspections on park play equipment. **Action: Councillor Lyonette to progress.**

Matters Arrising:

- Introduction of a sub group to manage possible Beech Wood improvements. This would eventually also include Springfield Park. **Action: Graham Foster to have initial meeting with the appropriate council rep. and report to the next meeting about available funding. Anne Rudkin to confirm contact details and to provide a copy of the constitution document to GF.**
- The meeting agreed that there should be no change to the current name of the WRA which includes 'Friends of Beech Wood'.
- The meeting agreed that the current approved Constitution Document was acceptable and no changes were required at this moment in time.

Any Other Business:

Asda shopping trolleys. **Action: Jean Foster to write to Asda Head office.**

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th March at 7pm in Oban Court.

Meeting Closed at 8:15 pm.