Britannia Square Residents’ Association

COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2019

at 8.00 pm at 22 Britannia Square (David Greenhill)

1. Attendance

Present: Apologies:

 John Ball Clive Collings

 Robin Dallaway Ann Cowper

 David Greenhill (Chair)

 Carol Inman

 Ian Terry (Secretary)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Carol Inman reported that some strimming has taken place along Stephenson Road.

John Ball has purchased a second-hand gazebo for £30 from John Prosser’s Rotary Club, which is winding down. The cost has been funded from the Wine Club’s own resources.

David Greenhill has met Daniel Walker, Worcester City Council’s officer responsible for the seagull problem. The current strategy is egg replacement but access to Britannia Square roofs may be challenging. David will update residents via the newsletter and keep the Council advised. **Action: David Greenhill**

For other matters arising please see the relevant agenda items.

1. Review of Recent Events

None.

1. Future Events:

**4.1. Street Clean 2019:**

Cones to discourage public parking will be delivered by the Council as follows:

John Ball 20

David Greenhill 20

URC, Albany Terrace 10

Cones will be positioned on the public parking bays on Saturday afternoon. Lamppost signs will be put up on Saturday by the Council. Letters to residents with parking permits will be printed by the Council and issued 2 to 3 weeks in advance. Ian Terry to receive the letters and arrange distribution. **Action: Ian Terry**

**4.2. Summer Party 2019:**

Laura Brown has confirmed that Springfield will leave their gazebo in place for our use. If the weather looks threatening, John Ball will put up the Wine Club’s newly acquired gazebo.

We still hope to find someone who will organise games.

Ian Terry will update the flyer, print it and arrange distribution. **Action: Ian Terry**

Ian will check will Anna Hooper about VIP and other invitations and issue them. **Action: Ian Terry**

Robin Dallaway will ask Angela if she will make her usual literary contribution. **Action: Robin Dallaway**

1. Committee Reports

**Planning:**

David Greenhill will chase Dr Paul Collins about Planning compliance issues with Springfield’s hedge and inappropriate temporary fencing, which continue to be an issue with adjacent residents. **Action: David Greenhill**

36a Britannia Square: We continue to await news of the promised Highways Department public consultation on the proposed loss of residents’ parking bays, to which we objected strongly.

39 Britannia Square: A response has been submitted.

David Greenhill and Clive Collings have had a constructive meeting with Dr Paul Collins, Planning and Conservation Officer, to represent our views on Planning matters.

**Highways and Lighting:**

Installation of the replacement heritage lamppost in Stephenson Terrace is understood to be imminent. Carol Inman will monitor progress. **Action: Carol Inman**

**Neighbourhood Watch:**

Bicycle thefts have been communicated which has flushed out more instances.

Carol Inman attended the recent PACT meeting.

**Wine Club:**

Events are being planned.

**Membership:**

Of the 121 households, we have 56 paid-up members which is 46%.

**Finance and fund-raising:**

Our bank balance remains at £1,704.65. This is more than adequate to cover our planned expenditure.

**Newsletters:**

The Spring Newsletter will be issued by the end of April. **Action: David Greenhill**

**Website:**

Robin Dallaway continues to prepare and publish historical photographs. **Action: Robin Dallaway**

Ian Terry will collate and document photographs from residents and forward to Robin. **Action: Ian Terry**

Negotiations continue to agree a selection of photos and a price from the Harry Sargeant photo archive to use on our website. Robin has indicated a cost in the range of £250 - £500 for the licenses and has been authorised to proceed on this basis. **Action: Robin Dallaway**

John Ball has borrowed the deeds for the plot adjacent to 50 Britannia Square. Ian Terry and Robin Dallaway will prepare them for publication in the house histories section of our website. **Action: Ian Terry & Robin Dallaway**

The fly-tipping reporting procedure is now documented on our website.

Angela Lanyon’s poetry is now presented on a single page in our website and our events data is up to date.

Robin will consider how we might create a “Blog” / “Current Issues” page on our website to improve communication to the residents of progress on matters of interest, e.g. Springfield hedge. Potentially sensitive issue like these would need to be agreed with all affected parties before publication. **Action: Robin Dallaway**

1. Any other business

None.

1. Dates of future meetings & events

Sun 12 / Mon 13 May 2019 – Street Clean

Sun 23 Jun 2019 - Summer Party, Springfield

Tue 17 Sep 2019 – Committee Meeting, 50 Britannia Square (John Ball)

Fri 15 November 2019 – AGM, URC, Albany Terrace

Tue 19 November 2019 – Committee Meeting, venue TBA