



ridley avenue  
residents association &  
neighbourhood watch

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## **RARA MEETING MINUTES Monday 16 June 2003 @ St Paul's Church Hall**

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were discussed and then signed by Rowena Perring.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Corner Plot – Ridley/Midhurst**

The Council has been contacted regarding the site. Some of the fencing panels have started to come down.

### **John Dales, Churchwarden, St Paul's Church**

John told the meeting that he lived in a neighbouring street and had experience of the parking problems. He explained that he is putting together a plan for the Church Council. He wants to encourage walking and cycling to the Church. He said it would be good for the environment, for Ridley Avenue residents and for the Church.

St Paul's is a very active church and is the focus for lots of activities. The parking seems to be particularly bad late at night. But the road is not full and there are spaces in front of the Church.

John then asked the Meeting for questions.

The following points were raised:-

- The previous evening there were no free parking spaces in Ridley Avenue. Of the cars present, 32 belonged to residents and 45 to non-residents. In Cranmer Avenue, there were 15 non-residents, 13 residents and 20 free parking spaces. Someone suggested that it could have been football or the school. John said that those had probably finished.
- The whole area in front of the church had been blocked off with cones. John said this had been for a wedding. Another resident pointed out that the wedding guests had parked all down the street.
- A resident suggested that the Vicar could ask the congregation to have regard for the residents. John said he would be taking the issues to the next Church Council meeting.
- A resident said that they would like to see what could be done in changing people's modes of transport.
- Another resident said that parking was available at Fielding School.
- John said that converting some of the grass surrounding the Church to parking would reduce the frontage further as sloping curves would be required. John said that a survey of traffic needed to be carried out.
- Debbie Jackson asked about whether there could be car pooling.
- John asked whether the Controlled Parking Zone needed to be extended to include Sundays.

### **Action Points:**

John Dale is to present his report to the Church Council

The church will liaise with the school about whether space would be available in the evenings and at weekends for parking.

### **Debbie Jackson, Ealing Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association**

Debbie said she would be putting the order in for road signs for Ridley Avenue. These take about fifty days to arrive. The NWA AGM is taking place at the Town Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Debbie asked that if residents report a crime in the area, could they also let the Ealing Borough NWA know too – details can be sent by email. Debbie also said that there would soon be a Charter so that everyone knew what they could expect from the EBNWA.

### **Crime Statistics**

Andy read out the latest Crime Statistics for the area.

### **Bob Masdin, Crime Prevention Officer**

Bob talked about the following measures to reduce crime:

- Mobile Phones – people should make sure they wrote down the IMEI number of their phone. This number is unique and can be used to immobilise the phone if it is stolen. Replacing the SIM card will not work.

- Ultraviolet Pens – mark property with house number and postcode. Mark mobile phones inside the phone and not on the covers, which can be removed. (Pens are available from the RARA Secretary).
- Photograph jewellery, valuables and unusual items (with a ruler for scale). You can search the Metropolitan Police website to see photographs of stolen goods.
- Make sure your home is secure, especially during the summer when doors and windows are left open. You can get sash window stops.
- Fit fluorescent bulbs with photo-electric cells at the front and back of the property – 9 watt bulbs at the front, 15 watt bulbs at the back. Running costs are about forty pence a month.
- Front doors – should be able to see locks from the street. Don't leave keys on a hall table as they can be reached from the letterbox. Should have a good mortice lock – look for the kitemark and BS3621.
- Window locks
- Double Glazing – should conform to BS7950. Get laminated glass downstairs. Make sure that windows can be locked.
- Alleyways – use fencing with barbed wire. A trellis with plants growing up is a good deterrent.
- Elderly – Bob gave some advice for elderly residents. There is a password scheme in operation where utilities and other services give a password to prove they are genuine. Elderly people should have a neighbour with them if they have an appointment at home. Elderly people often don't report crime but they can ring Age Concern if they don't want to ring the Police. The Council are able to provide alarms etc.
- Handbags – don't leave them hanging over chairs in restaurants etc.
- Identity Fraud – a big problem for the future. Be careful about what you throw away. Shred anything that has bank card or personal details on it (bills etc).
- Cash Machine Fraud – be wary when using cash machines of people watching you. Sometime machines are tampered with and a plastic slip is put into the slot which reads your card details. If anything doesn't seem right, don't use the machine and contact the bank concerned.

### **Fielding Walk**

Residents had been disturbed over the weekend by lots of noise from youths. There is a lot of litter and broken glass in Fielding Walk and there are no litter or doggie bins. The Committee agreed to check the status of Fielding Walk to see whether it could be locked securely at night.

### **Any Other Business**

#### ***Ealing Street Walkers***

The scheme was explained to residents. The Committee will try to get more information and produce some forms for residents.

#### ***Boston Manor House***

Amanda talked about Boston Manor House and the plan to revive the garden.

**The next RARA Public Meeting will be held on Monday 15 September 2003.**

Minutes signed by: ..... Acting Co-ordinator, RARA

Date: 15 September 2003