



ridley avenue
residents association &
neighbourhood watch

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RARA MEETING MINUTES

Monday 15 September 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

John Dales – Church Traffic Plan

The Committee reported that John Dales has informed them that the congregation at the church were given a leaflet about parking on 13th July, following a Church Council discussion on 23rd June. This leaflet asked the congregation to consider how they travel to the Church and park. John Dales has yet to present his campaign plan to the Church Council but hopes to do this at the next Council meeting, which is due to take place on 29th September (as action over the summer would not be meaningful). John would welcome any car count surveys done by residents. Some residents reported that the situation had not been any better over the last few weeks. It was suggested that the Committee invite John to report back at the next Committee Meeting.

Street Walkers / Street Watchers

A resident asked about the Ealing Street Walkers (Watchers) initiative. The Committee are to find out more information.

EBNWA AGM

This is now taking place in October.

Mark Weston, Metropolitan Police

Mark told the Meeting about recent crimes in the immediate area. The two main crimes in the last three months took place in Northcroft Road. On 11th June, a 75 year old female was pushed from behind. She fell over allowing a 16 year old male to run off with her handbag. On 14th July, a suspect climbed through an open ground floor window of a house in Northcroft Avenue and stole keys and a Mercedes parked outside. Despite these, Mark reported that this is a low crime area.

Mark told the meeting about an initiative called CRESA – Crime Reduction Ealing Southall Acton. He said that there would be another fortnight soon where there would be high-visibility policing around Ealing.

Two new Community Support Officers have been appointed. They have limited powers (no power of arrest), work shifts up to 22.00. Mark reported that they had been in our area, visiting Fielding Walk. He said there would be eight to ten more officers in place by the end of the year.

Overall, robberies are down 29% in Ealing, burglaries down 13% and car crime down 1%. There have been some problems with gun crime but this is mostly in Southall and Acton.

A resident asked about reporting graffiti. Another resident said they had got contact details that would be given to the Committee.

Reported crimes – 1st June to 1st September 2003.

Ridley Avenue

1 June – Theft from a VW Bora. The front offside lock barrel was removed, entry gained and clothing and jewellery stolen.

Fulmer Way

19 July – Theft of a pedal cycle. The cycle was unlocked, but hidden behind a gate.

Midhurst Road

2 June – Criminal damage to driver door lock of a VW Golf.

6 July – Piaggio scooter taken. 14 year old from Southall subsequently arrested.

16 July – Hubcaps stolen from a Renault Clio.

Northcroft Road

11 June – At the junction with Belsize Avenue, a 75 year old woman was pushed from behind. She fell, allowing a 16 year old Asian male to run off with her handbag.

8 June – Theft of a pedal cycle which had been secured to the front drainpipe.

14 July – Suspect climbed through an open ground floor window and stole keys and a Mercedes.

Volunteers

The Committee spoke briefly about the desire for more volunteers to help with the running of RARA. The next meeting will be an AGM where a new Committee will be elected and it is the ideal time for others to join.

Fielding Walk

The meeting discussed Fielding Walk. Amanda reported that she had been in touch with David Brown at Ealing Council.

Park Status

Fielding Walk apparently has park status but David is going to double-check this.

Dog Mess

Dog bins have now been provided.

Litter

Litter is collected approximately three times a week.

Noisy Teenagers

There are Park Rangers who have the power to issue fines for persistent disturbance, dog mess and litter. They can be asked to patrol Fielding Walk as they do work up to 22.00 or later if required. It was suggested that the Committee let David know which nights the Rangers should patrol – Saturdays?

Friends Of Fielding Walk

David said that there is an initiative being encouraged by Ealing Council for “Friends Of...”. He suggested that a good starting point would be to let him know about the main issues. The Committee will send him a copy of the minutes from the next meeting.

Any Other Business

Car Parking

This was discussed in Matters Arising.

Fielding Walk

The meeting discussed Fielding Walk. Litter is supposed to be collected three times a week. The Walk is managed by the Acton Park Rangers. The Committee talked about the possibility of setting up a “Friends of Fielding Walk” initiative to help improve the area. The Committee will find out more from the Council and the Acton Park Rangers.

Quiz Night

The Committee reported that they planned to hold a Residents Quiz Night on 30th October. More information would be available soon once the date and format has been confirmed.

Alleyways

Andy mentioned a possible problem with one of the alleyways on Ridley Avenue, alongside No 66 and behind Midhurst Road. The alleyway appeared to have been blocked off part way down by a gate erected by a Midhurst resident. Andy had been in touch with the Council to see if anything should be done.

The next RARA Public Meeting is planned for Wednesday 3 December 2003.

Minutes signed by: Acting Co-ordinator, RARA

Date: 26 January 2004