



ridley avenue
residents association &
neighbourhood watch

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RARA PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES Monday 26 March 2007 @ St Paul's Church Hall

Present

Nalen Anthoni, Antonio Dourado, Mike Eccleson, Diane Cuthbe, Jim Duncan, Liz Duncan, John Hobson, Inge Hobson, Sue Rocha, Huw Williams, Andy Dowell, Amanda Savage, David Fatscher, Maggie Christopher.

Apologies

Carolyn Figgett, Gordon Figgett.

Northfields Safer Neighbourhoods Team

The Police were not able to attend the meeting.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the public meeting held on Monday 20 November 2006 were discussed, approved by the meeting and signed by Andy Dowell.

Matters Arising

Fencing

Amanda Savage reported that the owner of the derelict land has been located and lives in Acton. He has no intentions regarding the land, has seen the fencing and has agreed to keep an eye on it. Ricky Wright at Ealing Council will also monitor the situation.

Neighbourhood Watch Signs

Andy Dowell reported that Katie Poulter said she has ordered a new batch of Neighbourhood Watch signs, which should be put up within in a few weeks.

Centenary

Andy Dowell reported that St Paul's Church had asked if we would be interested in joining with them in their centenary celebration planned for this summer. Andy Dowell will contact them to obtain more information.

Neighbourhood Panel Meeting for Northfield Ward

The Neighbourhood Panel Meeting for Northfield Ward met on 13 February 2007. At that meeting it was reported that the Group's current priority had been burglary, and that the situation had improved. Three arrests were made during the week before the meeting and six were made previously. The house in South Ealing Road with security problems had had no burglaries for two months. The Group's next priority is motor vehicle crime. Incidents of tyre slashing have been reported in various locations, and of theft of satellite navigation equipment. Six people have been arrested for graffiti offences and the police have found their websites. Eko and Selt are still at large. Graffiti is photographed and removed as quickly as possible. A new Neighbourhood Watch group has been set up in South Ealing. The police are asking for funding for CCTV cameras in Northfields Avenue, and police will have a base at Northfields library. The police are seeking people to join their new Volunteer scheme, where volunteers will assist the police in various aspects of their work, e.g. on the public reception desk at police stations. The next Safer Neighbourhoods panel meeting will be held in June and Andy Dowell invited people to let him know if there is anything they would like him to raise.

David Fatscher attended a meeting of the Council, Business and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Panel at the Town Hall on February 1st, where the Councillors quizzed the police and closely scrutinised various aspects of their work. The main item at the meeting was a discussion of Safer Neighbourhood Policing and how it is working in this area.

Andy Dowell reported that he has been invited to a Northfield Ward Forum on 7 June 2007. This will be attended by residents, traders, parks representatives, etc. and is planned to last for two and a half hours. Andy Dowell invited people to let him know if there is anything they would like him to raise.

Election of Officers

Re-election of the Committee was proposed by Nalen Anthoni and seconded by Jim Duncan.

Any Other Business

- It was reported that street cleaning is done each week on Wednesdays and the situation is greatly improved. Andy Dowell asked members to let him know if any problems arise, and he will contact the Council.
- The results of the refuse collection survey have been published and the arrangements for Ridley Avenue and surrounding streets will remain unchanged; i.e. weekly collection of black bags.
- Andy Dowell reported that he is hoping to issue another Newsletter within the next few weeks.
- The matter of the two trees blown down in Ridley Avenue in recent high winds was raised. The site of one tree has been paved over, but the other site has not. There has been no indication of plans to plant replacement trees.
- Sue Rocha said that her car wing mirror had been damaged by members of St Paul's Church Friday evening youth group, and she had sorted the matter out with the youth leader.
- Mike Eccleson mentioned that his water pressure was very low on occasions, and other residents said they experienced similar problems.
- David Fatscher said that he had noticed an occasional smell of gas in the area of number 5 Ridley Avenue, and Andy Dowell said he has also noticed it.
- Diane Cuthbe reported that she had recently renewed her passport and driving licence. She had received her replacement documents but her birth certificate and old passport had not yet been returned to her.
- The police have recently issued some security notices, and copies can be obtained from Andy Dowell. They recommend taking two photocopies of passports when travelling, taking one with you and leaving the other behind with a friend, because of increased passport crime: shredding all personal data and putting nothing in bins, to help avoid identity crime, and being wary of potentially bogus callers, to whom elderly people are particularly vulnerable. The police also warned of scams originating abroad and claims that people have 'won a competition' even if they have not entered one!
- Amanda Savage noted that some leaflets requesting clothing donations now state in very small type that their venture is 'commercial'.

The next RARA Public Meeting is planned for Monday 30 July 2007.