Britannia Square Residents’ Association

COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 February 2019

At 8:00 pm at 7 Albany Terrace (Robin Dallaway)

1. Attendance

Present: Apologies:

 Robin Dallaway (Chair) Clive Collings

 David Greenhill John Ball

 Carol Inman

 Ian Terry

Guest:

 Ann Cowper

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Carol Inman continues to chase the University to take action on the overgrown trees and hedge plants adjacent to Stephenson Road. **Action Carol Inman**

John Ball will purchase a suitable gazebo in good time for our summer events. **Action John Ball**

We need to ensure that we use a microphone at the AGM for both committee members on stage and questions from the audience.

We will continue to have the separation of the formal side of the AGM in the church and the social aspects in the hall.

David Greenhill will prompt action in our area when the City Council’s seagull contractor commences work in the spring. **Action David Greenhill**

For other matters arising please see the relevant agenda items.

1. Review of Recent Events

**3.1. Christmas Carols 16 Dec 2018:**

Following the withdrawal of our pianist, Lucas Ball, we were delighted to have Natasja and Tamara Enthoven as pianists. They did an excellent job and engaged very well with the younger members of the audience. Our thanks to them.

We should consider having a charitable collection at this event, perhaps to RGS Springfield’s preferred charity.

1. Future Events:

**4.1. Street Clean 2019:**

Ian Terry is making arrangements with Lisa Smith, Worcester City Council’s Community Engagement Officer. We need to issue a flyer at the appropriate time to supplement the documentation that Lisa will provide.

 **Action Ian Terry**

**4.2. Summer Party 2019:**

To be planned at our April meeting.

1. Committee Reports

**Planning:**

36a Britannia Square: We 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: We noted that the application has an incorrect property location marked on the map. Clive Collings and David Greenhill are preparing a response on our behalf. **Action Clive Collings & David Greenhill**

Springfield hedge: We continue to seek an effective replanting and aftercare of the new hedge, removal of the inappropriate fencing and compliance with the Planning Conditions.

David Greenhill and Clive Collings will seek a meeting with Dr Paul Collins, Planning and Conservation Officer, to represent our views on Planning matters. **Action Clive Collings & David Greenhill**

**Highways and Lighting:**

Carol Inman continues to chase Simon Geraghty for a replacement heritage lamppost in Stephenson Terrace for the one demolished during the resurfacing. **Action Carol Inman**

**Neighbourhood Watch:**

GDPR compliance reduced the mailing list by about 20%, despite our efforts to obtain consents.

The PACT meeting scheduled for Jan 2019 was postponed.

**Wine Club:**

The Wine Club’s mailing list survived our GDPR compliance exercise unscathed. We note that wine seems more of interest than crime!

An event will be arranged for Spring 2019. **Action John Ball**

**Membership:**

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

**Finance and fund-raising:**

Our bank balance is £1,704.65. This is more than adequate to cover our planned expenditure on historical photograph license fees and a gazebo.

**Newsletters:**

The Spring Newsletter is due in April. Potential articles are:

 Neighbourhood Watch – Bicycle security **Action Carol Inman**

 Street Clean **Action Ian Terry**

 Seagulls **Action David Greenhill**

 Fly-tipping reporting procedure **Action Robin Dallaway**

**Website:**

Robin Dallaway continues to prepare photographs for publication. **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. Robin has provided a proposed list of acquisitions for David Greenhill’s consideration.

 **Action Robin Dallaway & David Greenhill**

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**

Fly-tipping incidents can be reported on Worcester City Council’s website. Responses are rapid. We need to add this information to the website. **Action Robin Dallaway**

Ann Cowper advised that her husband is a photographer and is willing to undertake a photographic survey to complement the historical photographs on our website. We can float this idea with a brief article in the newsletter. **Action Ann Cowper**

Robin Dallaway will organise all of Angela Lanyon’s poetry in a single page in our website.

 **Action Robin Dallaway**

Robin will update the events data. **Action Robin Dallaway**

We discussed 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. Robin will consider how this might be structured. **Action Robin Dallaway**

1. Any other business

Our guest, Ann Cowper was co-opted onto the Committee.

1. Dates of future meetings & Events

Tue 16 Apr 2019 – Committee Meeting, 22 Britannia Square (David Greenhill)

Sun 12 / Mon 13 May 2019 – Street Clean

Sun 23 Jun 2019 - Summer Party, Springfield

Tue 17 Sep 2019 – Committee Meeting, venue t.b.a.

Fri 15 November – AGM, URC, Albany Terrace

Tue 19 November – Committee Meeting, venue t.b.a.