

Ramshill Residents Group

Notes from meeting Wednesday 18th October 2006 @ Churcher's College

Members present

Paul Vangrove (PC), Brenda Vangrove (BV), Martin Cox (MC), Jean Sharman (JS), Pat Elsey (PE), A Andrews (AA), Tonia King (TK), Lesley Pavleyn (LP), Gaile Gould (GG), Sue Hartwell (SH), Maurice Snell (MS), Mike Davies (MD)

Guest present

Claire Coxwell (CC), Community First, East Hampshire.

1. Apologies

Mr and Mrs Reynolds, Kathleen Dando, Polly Keane, David Greetham, Stephen Clark.

2. Introductions

MC welcomed those in attendance and thanked CC for attending. In the absence of any objections MC agreed to facilitate the meeting until such time as a decision had been taken either to disband the Group or the appointment of 'Chair'.

It was agreed that notes should be taken of the meeting as opposed to Minutes,

3. Minutes taken at the last meeting 6th September 2006 and Issues arising

The Minutes were signed off as a true record of the last meeting.

All agreed that the publication of a flier had acted as a useful reminder of the continued existence of the Resident's Group and of the date of the meeting. Should the Group continue it was agreed that the practice of distributing a flier by hand to all residents of Ramshill and the tying of a flier to a number of lampposts in advance of the next meeting should continue. **Action: MC to prepare flier next meeting**

A note of thanks to be sent to Rebecca for her continued support, especially with regards the flier and circulation of the previous Minutes. **Action: MC to include within an email.**

Members would collectively be responsible for taking down any flier tied to a lamppost following the date of the meeting. **Action: All**

Future distribution of all Notices, publications etc would be shared amongst all Members present.

Landscaping – It was noted that Taylor Woodrow have not made any changes since the last meeting. **Action: MC to ask Taylor Woodrow whether they have received instructions as to what changes are necessary and if ‘yes’ when do they plan to make them.**

4. Discussion on the future of the Ramshill Residents Group

MC read out the contents of emails received prior to each Member present outlining his or her view as to whether the Group should continue and if “yes” what in their opinion the aims and terms of reference of the Group should be.

All agreed that the Group should continue to exist with the Aims and Terms of Reference being:

Aim

To provide a non Political forum in which residents could informally meet one another, raise issues, concerns or suggestions as to how to improve the Ramshill environment and then agree through discussion what appropriate action should and could be taken by the Group.

Name of the Group

All agreed that for continuity the current name should remain.

Membership

It was agreed that membership of the Ramshill Residents Group should be open to all residents of the estate irrespective of whether they are house or flat owners, landlords or tenants but they must be over the age of 12. All members to have one vote and in the event of a tied ballot, the relevant issue to be referred back to all residents prior to a second ballot being held on a separate date. If again the vote is tied, no action to be taken and the matter shelved.

Delegated Authority

It was agreed that those in attendance at a properly constituted meeting would be empowered to make decisions and take appropriate action on behalf of all residents of the Ramshill Estate, having listened to any views expressed by fellow members in person or otherwise.

Members unable to attend a particular meeting have a right to submit a view and if appropriate a vote on any issue to be discussed at that meeting either by text, email, or letter.

Any issue deemed to be potentially contentious or sensitive would be raised with residents via the Newsletter and an accompanying questionnaire.

Frequency of Meetings

It was agreed that meetings should be held on a quarterly basis and that by the end of December 2007, the Group should once again review its continuance.

Chair

Following a discussion as to the value and possible role of a 'Chair' it was agreed that one should be appointed if only to act as a facilitator of meetings and to be a point of contact for members and external parties.

MC was duly nominated by PC to act as 'Chair' until the end of December 2007. The nomination was seconded by JS and passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Meeting note taker

TK volunteered to act as note taker at meetings.

Communication

BV and TK agreed to co-ordinate the publication of a Newsletter to all residents on a quarterly basis, with all residents being asked to contribute to its contents. The first Resident's newsletter would be issued in advance of the next meeting, early January 2007. **Action: BV and TK**

Finance

MC agreed to investigate what financing would be available from DRUM. **Action: MC**

Quorum

The minimum number of residents who must be present at a meeting is 8.

5. Additional Notices and Signs

A request had been received from a resident for the Group to consider the purchase of additional signs to the Play Area, encouraging dog owners not to allow entry of their dogs to the Play Area for Health and Safety reasons. Following discussion it was agreed that Taylor Woodrow should be asked whether they could provide such signs. **Action: MC**

In addition to the above, it was agreed that Cllr Pattie should be asked prior to the next meeting whether any progress had been made with regard the purchase of Dog Bins. **Action: MC**

A further request had been received from a resident for the Group to consider the erection of a sign at the entrance to the estate which clearly identifies the estate as 'Ramshill' and secondly has a map of the estate which visitors, including emergency services, could use to identify where they need to go to. MS suggested that the back of the sign could be used as a Notice Board. It was agreed that both ideas should be pursued. **Action: MC to investigate**

6. Any other business

It was agreed that where possible any actions arising from a meeting should in future be shared.

JS asked whether the Group would be interested in arranging a social event similar to that organised by nearby villages (e.g. Steep) to which all residents of Ramshill could be invited. Following discussion it was agreed that this was an idea worth pursuing. **Action: JS to present at the next meeting a more detailed proposal**

Skinner's Lane – Stephen Clark asked whether any progress had been made with regard the opening of Skinner's Lane. **Action: MC to ask Taylor Woodrow.**

MS asked whether any progress had been made with regard the use of some of the green areas on the estate for additional parking. Reference was made to the Parking questionnaire previously completed by 26% of residents and to a comment made at an earlier meeting which suggested that residents had known what to expect when buying their properties. It was agreed that residents should be asked once and for all whether they wished the Group to pursue this suggestion further. **Action: MC to prepare a question to accompany Newsletter**

A resident asked what action, if any, could be taken if found that a resident is operating a private business on the estate? **Action: All to investigate and discuss at next meeting**

7. Next Meeting

Thursday 18th January 2007 at Churcher's College, starting 7.30pm and finishing no later than 9.00pm

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