

CHANNEL ISLES & DISTRICT TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th of May 2005 at Rozel Court 7pm.

Present: Paul Hennessey (Chair); Allison Holdaway (Cidra); Edward Lang (Cidra); Podge Eldridge (Cidra); Gary Waters (Cidra); Cllr Dennis Harryman; Sharon Samples (Housing Officer); Nicola O'Rourke (Swaythling Housing Assoc); Mr. & Mrs. Sprouse; Julie Yeats; Val Judd.

1. Apologies: Sylvie O'Halloran (Treasurer); Thiara Parmjit (Maybush Housing); Ann Maylott (Maybush Housing); Jo Van Trigh (Cidra); Paul O'Donovan (T.P.U.); Paula Diaper (Neighbourhood Partnership); P.C. Brian Goodall (Local Beat Officer).
2. Minutes of March 31st 2005, were read and agreed as a true record.
3. Matters Arising, There were 2 matters arising
Signs had been done that Mr. & Mrs. Sprouse raised.
The pictorial Estate Map at either end of the Boniface Crescent was still an outstanding item, it was suggested by the Secretary that it would make sense to wait until the New Jersey Development was complete so that it could be included this was agreed.
4. Treasurers Report, As the Treasurer was not in attendance Paul read the circulated report, the Associations Balance stands at £3,496.00, as was mentioned this will not be sufficient to pay for the Garden Project and we are seeking other sources of funding at this time.
5. Maintenance Report, This was also circulated at the meeting, Paul gave a report of the New Barriers being installed to restrict the speeding motorbikes around the Estate thanks to all concerned in these Safety measures in place.
Samia Courts Garden Project is coming along; physical work should begin soon.
6. Jersey Close Development, Nicola O'Rourke gave the meeting a progress report and told the meeting Swaythling Housing Association were the owners of the site and preparatory work had commenced in the planning of the work Schedule. This will however take some time and there will not be much actual work starting yet, Nicola will keep us informed as the planning progresses.
We were shown a plan of the Temporary Car Parking arrangements and she said a smaller plan would be sent to the Assoc so we get a better picture of it and how it will affect the Residents in the immediate area.
We were also informed by Nicola that agreement had been reached to complete the entire Project in 1 phase instead of 2, this will bring the the project to completion in 60 plus weeks instead of 100 weeks as previously planned. The Chairman thanked Nicola for her report and her attendance, before she left Nicola gave an emergency telephone number to answer any queries or to report any incidents of vandalism, 02380487487.
7. Community Garden Project, Paul gave a report to the meeting of the position so far and showed a plan to those at the meeting who had not seen it, he also mentioned the objections from some of the local residents in Flamborough Close who seem to think we are not taking their concerns seriously. The association has enlisted the help of the local Police Beat Officer, and Neighbourhood Wardens, as well as Association members who live very close to the Project Area. Cllr Dennis Harryman suggested it would be a good idea to supply the residents with a list of emergency telephone numbers to use if they are concerned, this was agreed, and it could

be included in the next newsletter to go out.

We are awaiting final underground investigations to be carried out before we go to the next stage of the Garden Project, a Health & Safety survey has been carried out and will be ongoing during the work on the Garden.

8. A resident of St Martins Close reported to the meeting that children had been climbing on to the sheds at the side of Rozel Court and throwing stones and the local residents are very concerned that although at the moment only a few windows have been damaged there could be a very serious accident if the children are not stopped. She was advised to let the local beat Officer and the Neighbourhood Wardens Know what is happening and enlist their help; Sharon Samples took details to see if she could help, the resident was grateful for the assistance offered.

9. A.O.B. Gary Waters raised the problems of some residents around the Estate leaving their Wheelie Bins outside their back entrances and this in some cases was causing Access problems where the pathways were narrow this makes it difficult for Wheelchair users to pass, it was explained to the meeting if a Wheelie Bin goes missing it is the responsibility of the Householder to replace it so it is in their interest to keep it within their premises.

Paul informed the meeting that there was a Tenants Participation Annual Conference to be held in Birmingham if anyone is interested to let him know.

Parking Posts were again raised; apparently there is now a Citywide project to remove them and residents are being contacted before their removal can take place, a lively debate followed on this topic, it appears it is wait and see.

Paul told the meeting of an open day at Down To Earth Farm at Millbrook Community School on Sunday the 5th of June everybody welcome if you have not visited the Inner City Farm Project it would be a worth the effort to see the work being done by Ian and his helpers.

Disabled Car Park Signs, the posts required by Law to enable disabled residents to park are being damaged, unfortunately the Walls are too low fix signs on, again Sharon Samples said she would look into this matter for us and report back.

Pot Holes in the roads in the locality are in need of repairs urgently after the winter, Cllr Harryman informed the meeting that there was a dedicated team whose job it was to carryout these repairs and in fact there is a Major road repair scheme across the City funded by a Grant of, £18 million from the Government so there will no reason not to do this work and indeed many other Urgent road improvements we wait to see how our City Council manages this work. There being no other business the Chairman set the date of the next meeting it will be on the 23rd of June 2005 at 7pm Rozel Court, he thanked everyone for there input and attendance and wished them all a safe journey home.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm.