

CHANNEL ISLES & DISTRICT TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th of May 2007. Rozel Court community room.

Attendance: Paul Hennessey (Chair) Podge Eldridge (Secretary) Mike Holder (Cidra) Paul Langler (Cidra) Gary Waters (Treasurer) Cllr Dennis Harryman (SCC) Martin Chase (SCC Play Services) Parmjit Thiara (SCC Housing) Richard Downes (SCC N/ Warden) Ian Haworth (Swaythling Housing Society). There were 20 Residents/Tenants.

1. Apologies: Cllr Cathie McEwing (SCC) Alison Holdaway (Cidra).
2. Minutes of the last meeting 23rd March 2007; were read and agreed.
3. Matters Arising; 1. The parking problems at the junction of Lower Brownhill/Atherfield Rd, we are still waiting a visit in the evening to examine the danger we have raised, Cllr Harryman took on the job of getting a visit by the Highways Dept.
4. Jersey Close: Ian Haworth from Swaythling Housing Assoc came to the meeting in response to the letter stating some concerns we had. There were 3 Areas; 1. Site Maintenance, Ian accepted that the cleaning up was something he would speak to his contractor about and get a system where some residents would sign off a form if they were happy. 2. Play Area; Ian explained that there was now agreement for the removal of the tarmac and for turfing the agreed area, Martin Chase told the meeting that it would not be long before this happened, he told the meeting the new play equipment is in storage and waiting to be installed. One resident asked if the play area could be moved to another part of the car park, because she had been troubled by children and adults playing football and it being dangerous, and being abused by bad language. It was agreed by the meeting that the PCSOs and other services would be asked to pay attention particularly in the early stages to stop any trouble in the new play area. 3. Landscaping; this matter has been withdrawn from the plans by the Highways Dept. we have raised the question with the SCC. Finally Ian apologised for the problems and said Swaythling Housing wanted to stay on good terms with cidra and the local residents.
5. Treasurers Report; Gary Waters gave his report and told the meeting we are £158.72 in the black; there were no questions for Gary who was thanked for his report.
6. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme; unfortunately no one from the police turned up with the information; it was decided to invite the new Neighbourhood Coordinator to the next meeting.
7. Lower Brownhill Garden Project; It is a shame that so far none of the local residents except Alison Holdaway from the committee has shown any interest in looking after the Garden, it was decided to give one more attempt to get the residents from the adjoining flats to take over the garden maintenance. We will circulate a letter to this affect to get some volunteers; there are tools available it just needs time, the work can be spread so it's not too much for one person we will wait to see the outcome. This garden was

established with a grant from the Outer Shirley Regeneration Board at a cost of £3,000.00 plus for the local people it would be sad to see it decline.

8. Open Forum; 1. Cllr Harryman gave a report to the meeting on the new administration of the City Council, and who was responsible for what. He was thanked for his continued interest and attendance at our meetings. 2. Some of the meeting asked when the Travellers would be moved off by the Council, it was mentioned they would be moved within 48 hours we wait to see. 3. Charlie Parker, a Rozel Court resident asked for thanks to be placed in the minutes for the work carried out by the Neighbour hood Wardens on his garden, it was also added that Gail & Michelle had done a wonderful job repainting the lines in Sarnia Court car park. 4. The Bollards removed during the Jersey Close Development have not been replaced, we will look at the problem and see if they are still deemed necessary. 5. There was a complaint from a resident in the flat above the bin bay in Rozel Court saying it was impossible to open his windows because of the smell! Cllr Harryman explained the system for removing smelly bulk bins, cleansing and returning them, it was suggested that the residents urge the Wardens to call the refuse Dept to get the problem sorted. Also raised was the placing of clinical waste in the bins, this if done properly is not considered a health risk. Parmjit Thiara suggested a letter be sent to all residents reminding them of the need to seal any Clinical waste deposited in the Bins. 6. There were complaints that the New Kitchen installed with the Grant from Outer Shirley Regeneration Board in Rozel has not been used as intended, the wardens *were* happy to use it to encourage residents from their flats to join in the community room instead of sitting in their flats all day, it appears now that the Wardens are being instructed not to do this, it was suggested this should go firstly to the Sheltered Housing Forum for resolution.

9. There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded them of the date of the next meeting, the 26th of July 2007.

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