

**MINUTES OF THE WESTMINSTER PARK RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION
(WPRA) MEETING HELD ON 14TH APRIL 2011
AT 48 MERTON DRIVE**

Present: Julie Sams (Chairman)
Nick Ryan (Treasurer)
Sue Britton (Secretary)
Allan Stobie
Brian Westcott
Leah Crewe
Mark Sams
Olwen Bellis
Sue Eva
Sandra Magilton
Lesley Morris

Apologies: Mary Pole, Richard Short, David Pilling & Dave Craggs

Julie welcomed new committee members, Leah Crewe & Mark Sams, to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19th January 2011 were accepted as an accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

AS to follow up on grit bins.

3. Treasurer's Report

NR advised that subscriptions continue to flow in; over 50% of those who have previously paid have paid again. There have also been donations. Advertising revenue continues to be strong.

The musical evening made a profit of approx £160. The gardening club made a small profit of £28.

On the expenditure side, the newsletter cost £119 and there was a £50 Tesco voucher given to the postman on his retirement.

There is over £1900 in the accounts with insurance of £240.79 to be paid.

AS has spoken to Hough Green and Curzon Park Residents Associations on helping to fund our PCSO. Both will report back after their meetings. The Co-Op are likely to provide funding of about £5,000. In principle it was agreed that we could cover a proportion of the first year's contribution from existing funds and subscriptions would be held at £2 per household.

NR will speak to the bank about households paying by standing order.

4. Newsletter and Media

LC suggested that we should have some link between our website and Facebook as this would attract a younger audience. LC will liaise with DC and write a paragraph for the next newsletter.

AS will speak to Mary regarding a comment on the PCSO funding and asking for comments.

OB will submit a tribute to Richard Short for the next newsletter with BW adding a comment.

There was a suggestion that a note should be put in the next newsletter to direct more people to the website.

5. Garages

JS has sent the agents an email regarding demolition or refurbishment of the garages. A site meeting is to be arranged and the agents advise quotes for demolition and refurbishment are being obtained. The garages need to be made safe before the school holidays. LC will take some photographs.

6. Gardening Club

BW stated that the meeting with Jenny Hendy was well attended with 41 present. There was a charge of £3 per person.

MP is organising a trip to Wollerton Old Hall to visit the gardens on Sunday 10th July and will be booking a 39 seater coach. It will depart about 11ish and will cost approx £12 per person including entrance to the gardens. There will be an article in the June newsletter.

The next meeting in the Community Centre will be in the autumn.

Donation of cherry trees: suggested that 2 are planted on Vernay Green and 2 further down Rowcliffe Avenue. Mike Pollard also suggested planting bulbs on Vernay Green around the trees. Meeting agreed to plant bulbs around cherry trees on Rowcliffe Avenue too. JS will speak to Mike about purchasing bulbs at the correct time. SM suggested speaking to the Grosvenor Garden Centre as they will often match funding for local organisations and may offer favourable rates at the end of the season. Agreed to spend £50.

7. Social Events

Thanks to SM for organising food at the musical evening and thanks to BW for making the arrangements with the Chester Operatic Society. A very good evening and profitable too.

The quiz night will be held on 8th October and SM will again sort the food. AS to discuss with DP who will be question master.

There are still 6 tickets (£5.75 each) left for the BBC tour on Tuesday 10th May.

WPRA Promotion Day: try to recruit some of the 70% of residents who are not members. This will take place on Saturday 2nd July from 10 am to 1 pm outside the empty shop (previously Threshers). JS to co-ordinate. Chris Fox to be invited. Suggestion that we check availability of shop. Feedback form needed. Table for plant swap. OB to pick up DB1 bus timetables (by Town Hall). WPRA T-shirts to be worn!

9. Any Other Business

Rubbish bins ~ Chris Fox to speak to SM (31 Rowcliffe) about siting of new bin.

Resident reported graffiti on wall behind Vincent Drive. CWAC will provide graffiti busters if telephoned.

SB will send an email to Chris Fox, copy Ian Harding, to thank him for his report to the AGM and to express our appreciation for the work he is doing in Westminster Park.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Olwen's house (28 Vincent Drive) on Monday, 13th June at 7.30 pm.