

**MINUTES OF THE WESTMINSTER PARK RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION
(WPRA) MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2011
AT 17 VINCENT DRIVE**

Present: Alan Stobie (Chairman)
Nick Ryan (Treasurer)
Brian Westcott
Richard Short
David Pilling
Dave Craggs
Olwen Bellis
Sue Eva
Sandra Magilton
Lesley Morris

Apologies: Mary Pole and Sue Britton (Secretary)

Alan opened the meeting by thanking Nick for allowing us to use his house. It had been previously arranged to have the meeting at Mary's house but unfortunately she was ill and everyone hoped she would soon feel well again.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 3rd November 2010 were accepted as an accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

- 2.1 Gala Day: No progress has been made as yet as we are waiting for the Community Centre to get back to us. AS
- 2.2 Cycle Racks: NR sent an e-mail off and has been told that the racks should be in place this week.
- 2.3 Grit Bins: DC said there is a grit bag at the Westminster Park shops. AS will e-mail Highways at Backford Hall regarding the slippery icy hazard at the Vincent Drive/Lache Lane junction.
- 2.4 Christmas party: AS thanked BW again for allowing us to use his house for the Christmas Party.

3. Treasurer's Report

NR stated he is still receiving subscriptions. It has been a very good year. The advertising being the best we have ever had. We are off to a good start for this year.

4. Newsletter and Media

MP would like to receive copy for the next Newsletter by mid February

DP produced a newspaper cutting stating that Paul Williams had been given the OBE for his services to youth education in Wales. It was decided to put "Congratulations" in the next Newsletter. DC said he would put the details on the website and send a hard copy to MP.

It was decided to put the Bus Time Table in the Newsletter.

DP informed everyone that the DB1 bus (which goes around Westminster Park) goes to the hospital which is very useful. The Bus Timetable will also be put on the Notice Board. SE will put the details together.

Details about the Operatic Concert on the 9th April should also appear in the Newsletter.

5. Home/Neighbourhood Watch

BW said there would be a general get together of Home Watch Co-ordinators at the home of Sue Britton, 24 Lache Lane on 22nd March at 7.30.

SM is prepared to be the Co-ordinator for the lower half of Rowcliffe Avenue.

Probation Service, local crime community service. It was suggested that this matter be brought up at the Neighbourhood watch meeting. Otherwise a meeting could be arranged for the autumn.

6. Gardening Club

BW stated that there was to be another meeting of the Gardening Club on Wednesday 30th March. A notice will be put in the Newsletter. A small entry charge will be made to cover the costs. There will be another meeting of the Club in the autumn.

7. Social Events

- 7.1 Operatic Concert: BW will arrange for the Operatic Group to perform a concert on the 9th April, commencing at 8pm at the Community Centre. BW suggested two half hour sessions with a meal in between. There will be a charge of £250.00 to the Committee.

BW will prepare the tickets which will be £10 each. Val Pilling will do the notices for the notice board.

SM said the buffet would cost around £200.

LM suggested that a short quiz be incorporated into the evening and everyone agreed.

- 7.2 Quiz: There will be a quiz around the 8th October. The details are to be confirmed later.
- 7.3 It was asked if anyone had any ideas for other social events. A visit to the BBC in Manchester was suggested. BW will make enquiries.
- 7.4 AGM 23rd March 2011: It was agreed that we should advertise the AGM more than we did last year as the turn out had been so poor. SM will arrange tea/coffee and biscuits with help from other members of the Committee.
- 7.5 Julie and Mark: They will be back in March when it is hoped that Julie will take over as Chairwoman again. BW suggested we have a small reception for them at his house.

8. Impact Day

SM suggested we arrange another Impact Day outside the shops. Everyone agreed this was a good idea and one would be arranged after the AGM.

9. Postman's retirement

The postman who delivers to most of Westminster Park will be retiring on the 12th February. He has given such excellent service that it was suggested we present him with a Tesco Voucher for £50 as a thank you. Everyone agreed.

10. Bollards

NR said he had been approached by a resident stating that the car parking is dangerous outside the shops as cars speed near the footpath and leave their vehicles overlapping the. It was agreed that as the car park is privately owned NR would approach agents and inform them of the concerns and that possible re-siting of the waste bins might alleviate this problem. Their reply to be then conveyed to the resident.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM on 23rd March 2011 at 8pm at the Community Centre.