

# Minutes of the WP-RA Committee Meeting 7 Sept 2011 held at 36 Lache Lane

**Present:**

Julie Sams (Chairwoman) (JS)

David Pilling (Vice-Chairman) (DP)

Nick Ryan (Treasurer) (NR)

Sue Britton (Secretary) (SB)

Allan Stobie (AS)

Sandra Magilton (SM)

Brian Westcott (BW)

Leah Crewe (LC)

Olwen Bellis (OB)

Mary Pole (MP)

Richard Short (RS)

Susan Eva (SE)

**Apologies:**

Mark Sams (MS)

Lesley Morris (LM)

Dave Craggs (DC)

		<b>Actions</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> June were reviewed and accepted as accurate.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b> NR reported that of 70 residents who had not renewed, we are now only 26 down. Advertising continues well. Mike Pollard has been paid £48 for bulbs. The garden visit made a slight loss but overall the Gardening Club is still in profit. There is currently a surplus of £200 before the quiz in October. NR also advised that one-third of members have provided email addresses which is good. DP has an invoice for the gardening competition in the region of £70. Standing order payments will be available for December renewals. An article will be put in the newsletter. NatWest have finally changed the bank account name to Westminster Park Residents Association.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER/MEDIA</b> Newsletter was a little late this month. MP said there was nothing in particular to report. A few out of area residents are sent the newsletter.... AS offered to deliver some. Media: DC requested that he should be contacted if there is anything for the web page. There was a request for a better menu system to make navigation easier. A for sale section will be included for private sellers (not trade). AS and NR have keys to the noticeboard. Agreed that DC would maintain web page with MS as back up ~ not a good idea to have all committee updating web page as there would no control. A discussion took place regarding the Overleigh Roundabout magazine. It was agreed the Forum Newsletter would continue to be sent to Overleigh Roundabout. SB to circulate minutes to committee and ensure that everyone is happy with content before DC puts on web page. SB will advise DC after a few days whether there have been any comments.	AS  DC   SB/DC
<b>4.</b>	<b>PLANNING APPLICATION: 23 LACHE LANE</b> Following a request by a resident of St Bridget's Court, JS, AS & NR had met to discuss the above planning application (without referral to any other committee members). On behalf of the committee an objection was submitted as the deadline for objections/ comments was within 48 hours. It was agreed that as a committee	

	<p>we should not be objecting to individual planning applications. The Committee were concerned about this type of back land in-filling particularly in this case where the proposal appears to be extremely large.</p>	
5.	<p><b>GARAGES</b></p> <p>The rear of garages has been tidied up. The front is still in need of attention and JS will monitor. The roof has been fixed to a 'standard'. There can be no planting along the rear because of the gas main.</p>	JS
6.	<p><b>NOTICEBOARD</b></p> <p>DP expressed some concern about the safety of the glass in the noticeboard. After discussion it was agreed that no action would be taken at present.</p>	
7.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM WPRA PROMOTIONS DAY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Request for pedestrian crossing at Ashgrove Nursery: this has previously been discussed. There are 2 other crossings on the Wrexham Road. No action required.</li> <li>2. Re-surfacing of Wrexham Road: on list to be done.</li> <li>3. Offset barrier on Norwood Drive cut-through: not a good idea but straight barrier on the pavement at the end would reduce danger.</li> <li>4. Dangerous parking on Vincent Drive: followed up with PCSO who will have another word with drivers. White line in the middle of road would help.</li> <li>5. New cut-through on Bartholomew Way: no action required.</li> <li>6. Dead tree on Vincent Drive: someone has been out to inspect. There are also dead tree stumps on Lache Lane/ Castlecroft Road.</li> <li>7. Community Centre fete for WP in 2012: support requested. Will follow up when contacted.</li> <li>8. Delivery of newspapers to Co-Op: no action required as it is quieter again.</li> <li>9. Promotion of local business: greengrocer has asked for promotion of local shops. LC suggested putting recipe on web site which uses ingredients found in the local shops. SM to speak to LM. JS to ask Mr Thomas for an article for newsletter.</li> <li>10. Disabled parking at shops: private property and Rymex would not pay to do this.</li> <li>11. Broken white lines on Claypit &amp; Rushfield Roads: these have not been repainted. On list and should have been done in August.</li> <li>12. Overgrown path on Wrexham Road: this has been sorted.</li> <li>13. Permanent planting on green outside chemist: private grassed area so no action to be taken.</li> <li>14. Senior Citizen/ Retirement Club: previously a club at the Community Centre which moved to Handbridge when no new committee would come forward. Agreed this would be a good idea and SM will co-ordinate with help from OB. AS also volunteered to help together with his wife, Paula. LC advised her Mother Peta Dollimore, would also help.</li> </ol>	<p>SM/ JS</p> <p>SM/ OB/ AS/ LC</p>
8.	<p><b>GARDENING CLUB</b></p> <p>MP advised that the next meeting was on Wednesday 28 September in the Community Centre. The speaker is Karen Atkinson. Cost for entry is £3. SB will ask Belgrave for the loan of a projector for the evening.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to DP for organising the gardening competition. All prizes have now been presented.</p> <p>Bulb planting is taking place on Vernay Green and Rowcliffe Avenue. Anyone who can help with planting should phone Mike Pollard (675222) to arrange times/ dates individually.</p>	<p>MP SB</p>
9.	<p><b>SOCIAL EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Quiz – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 7.30pm Bar - 8pm Quiz</b></p>	

	BW has tickets which are priced at £6 each and include buffet. 70 available. SM is sorting catering. DP will be quiz master. BW will provide tickets for raffle and AS will buy 4 prizes as well as quiz prizes.	BW/ SM AS
<b>10.</b>	<b>WPRA CCTV</b> Couple above the Co-Op happily using camera for the past two months.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>BEIJING PALACE</b> Sunday opening from 6-9 pm has been agreed permanently.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>AOB</b> Chester Community Forum Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September from 6.30-8.30 pm at Handbridge Youth Club. Land south of Westminster Park: awaiting public consultation. Planning Office will advise about developments in Chester area. BW offered to have December meeting at his house.	AS  BW

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 9 November 2011 at 19.30**

**at 28 Vincent Drive (Olwen's house)**