

St Helens Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: 4th June 2009

Venue: 28 Highlever Road

Attendance: Clare Singleton (Chair)
MT
AK
NW
HP
MHM
RH
JH
TM

Apologies: AM
JC
AN

The meeting was called to discuss the Agenda for the next General Meeting on 25th June.

1. Sgt Simon Watson and Sgt Neil Tanner will address the meeting. We would like them to include the following:
 - Burglaries in the area – is there extra police surveillance and does it cover the times when burglaries actually occur?
 - Extra security needed near tube station.
 - Police statistics claim this is a low-crime area – are these up to date?
 - Problem of gangs in the park – damaging facilities and distressing residents.
 - Future police plans for the area.

2. Update on advertising towers (HP):
 - Westway Action Group (virtual group) has been set up, chaired by HP.
 - HP has written follow-up letters to the Council and WDT but has received no response yet.
 - AM has written a letter from the Association raising our concerns with Cllr Cockell.
 - RH suggested people should complain direct to the advertisers (eg. M& S) to put pressure on them not to use this site.

- RH suggested sending regular emails (no more than one a week) to SHRA members to keep them informed and involved in what we are doing – committee members to send her updates for circulation.
- 3. Financial audit – RH
- 4. Update on Little Wormwood Scrubs
- 5. Update on kitchen gardens initiative
- 6. Planting of verges

Other matters discussed which are not on the agenda for the General Meeting:

1. Strategic site development which needs a response by 16th June; 2 sites identified by JH of concern: the Kensal gas works site and the Latimer Road site. We should strongly oppose the idea of a waste recycling facility at the gas works but support potential low rise housing on that site (2000 new dwellings).
2. NW continues to monitor all planning applications and to identify those of potential concern and to object on behalf of SHRA.
3. We should each bring a bottle and nibbles for the get-together after the meeting on 25th June – RH to provide plastic glasses.
4. CS to provide a couple of boxes for donations from those attending (£85 raised at last meeting).