

Southdown Rise Residents' Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 10am on 21st January 2017 at the One Church, Florence Road.

Present: Martyn Allen, Cllr Julie Cattell, Jim Grozier (minutes), Nicola Jackson, Gren Nation (treasurer), Sylvia Peckham, Rob Rosenthal (chairing), Hubert Schmitz, Clare Tyler, Tommy Tyler, Ed White

	Agenda Item	Action
1	Chair's Welcome/Apologies	
1.1	No apologies for absence received.	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting and matters arising	
2.1	Minutes were not discussed in detail, as the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss three items (see 3, 4, 5 below).	
3	Rubbish	
3.1	The vacant plot at the corner of Springfield Road and Beaconsfield Road has started to attract flytippers. It is in danger of becoming a health hazard as well as an eyesore. Julie will contact Damien Marmura of BHCC about this.	JC
3.2	The bins in front of the shops on Beaconsfield Parade are also a problem. However the Council has no control over commercial bins.	
3.3	Julie to also look into plans to provide communal bin(s).	JC
4	Trees	
4.1	Ed reported that some of the street trees are dying. They have been inspected by a tree expert. We need to monitor them and make sure that if/when trees die they are replaced. If simply removed it is likely that the spaces will be lost to parking.	
4.2	Funding will be needed to replace the trees. A working group to be set up to look into this consisting of Ed, Julie and Nicola. Ed to liaise with the Council.	EW
4.3	Cul de Sac tree: Permission has been obtained but no tree has been obtained yet. This may depend on the outcome of the old allotment land development; see 5 below.	

5	Old Railway Allotments (behind Open House pub)	
5.1	The site has been sold and most trees cut down. The owner has requested removal of the Section 106 condition regarding translocation of the slow-worms. A report has been sent to the County Ecologist. The BHCC case officer is Sonia Gillam.	
5.2	Many local residents are concerned about various aspects of this, including the lack of notice given about the site works, and security concerns following the breaching of the wall.	
5.3	The report on the reptile survey is considered inadequate by many who have seen it.	
5.4	Also the plans had not shown up on searches conducted on behalf of house purchasers.	
5.5	Concerns were raised about the future of the adjacent former scaffold yard, which had had only temporary planning permission for that use, long expired, and granted on condition that it be returned to its original function as part of the green corridor.	
5.6	Local residents are encouraged to express their concerns to Ms Gillam. Jim, Ed and Sylvia to draft a message to be sent out in an email and placed on the website.	JG/EW/SP
5.7	The ownership of the wall is not clear. It is thought to belong to either the Council or Network Rail. Julie will enquire at the Council, and Jim will ask a contact at Network Rail, to establish (a) ownership and (b) whether the owner of the wall has given permission for it to be breached.	JC, JG
5.8	Julie will attempt to arrange a meeting with the site owner.	JC
Any Other Business		
6	None.	
7	Dates of future committee meetings: The date of the next meeting will depend largely on developments concerning the old allotment site. To be agreed by the committee by email.	