

TILE KILN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on

29th September 2008

Present: 29 residents attended along with Committee members

The meeting commenced with tea/coffee and biscuits.

1) **Apologies:** received from Claire, Dave, Adrian from the Committee and PC Annette Luckin.

2) **Minutes of last year's A.G.M.**

These were taken as complete and correct and duly signed as so by the Roy Knivett, Chairman.

Roy stated that the AGM Minutes along with the Minutes of all committee meetings are now put on the website so that residents can keep up to date with events and estate news.

3) **Matters arising**

Roy went through various matters arising all of which were shown in the Minutes. He said that Neighbourhood Watch certificates to anyone applying were available in order to get a discount on home insurance.

4) **Annual Report**

Roy reported that more sites for the planting of bulbs are being sought and asked residents to make suggestions over the next few weeks. He then mentioned the Garden Competition and said that the prizes have now been given to the winners and pictures of the winning gardens are on the website. Although there were few gardens entered he felt it was a success. Details of the Speed Watch were given and these watches will continue. The purpose of the watches is to make people aware that they must drive carefully through the estate and show consideration to pedestrians. Although those operating the Speed Watch have no authority to caution drivers, if a driver is reported by them to the Police then action will be taken by the Police. Jackie Lane remains our link with the Borough Council. It was reported that Orange are intending to make an application for a mast near to the phone box at the shops. As soon as anything definite is known residents will be informed. Roy praised the work of PCSO Sandra Strange, in particular her work at the "Drop-in Centre" now held at Moulsham High School. This has proved very popular with youngsters. Roy also thanked all involved in the compiling and delivery of BEV. The website has been improved over the last few months and he advised all residents to make a habit of visiting it. At this point Roy paid

tribute to Brian Whitelaw who died recently. Brian was a founder member of the revitalised TKRA committee.

5) **Treasurer's Report**

John explained the accounts which were distributed prior to the meeting. Donations and advertising income was down on the previous year. £73.77 was transferred from Neighbourhood Watch to TKRA as agreed at the last A.G.M. £150 was paid for prizes for the Garden Competition in the form of garden vouchers. John again reported that no invoices have been received from the printers although these have been asked for, and John asked that this be borne in mind when looking at the balance in hand of £1,042.02.

6) **Neighbourhood Watch**

Peter read from the report issued by Neighbourhood Watch, a copy of which had been included in the latest issue of BEV. Peter was pleased to report that Tile Kiln is a reasonably safe area in which to live and at this point he also thanked Sandra Strange for her hard work and efforts often over and above her Police duties. He gave details of Police surgeries that visit various sites and Sandra said that these were well supported. Peter asked that extra care be taken as we approach 5th November and Halloween. A resident raised the problem of youngsters cycling on the pavements around the estate and Sandra said that unfortunately there is not the manpower to cover all areas all the time. Parking on the pavement remains a problem and Peter asked that if a resident witnesses this, they report the matter to the appropriate telephone number given in BEV. Suggestions were made for the siting of double yellow lines and John mentioned that this matter has to be taken up with the Borough Council and it could take up to three years for any action to be taken. Peter told all present that PCSO Sandra Strange had been awarded The High Sheriff's Award for her work with youth – congratulations.

7) **Election of committee**

As the existing committee had agreed to stand for another year, it was unanimously agreed by residents present that the Committee stand for another 12 months.

8) **Any other business**

- a) A resident asked if speed camera signs could be placed at the entrance to the estate and Roy said temporary signs were put in place when the Speed Watch is taking place.
- b) John Pearce raised the question of the use of the empty land owned by the Electricity Board and it has been rumoured that planning permission has been given for four detached houses but nothing more is known at present.
- c) Sandra Strange reported that extra patrols are being put in force ready for any problems at Halloween present.
- d) John thanked Mandy Gooch for auditing the books and it was stated that she had agreed to act for another year.

Roy thanked all those who had attended and the meeting closed at 8.40p.m.