

AGM of the Victoria Mead Residents Association April 25th 2016, 7.30pm

Attended:

Alison and Ian Simonson (1)
Jenny (5)
Laura and Gavin (6)
Eddie Schleising (10)
Alan (16)
Vanessa Hake and Gemma Swaisland (18)
Rosemarie Beard (19)
Janet (21)
Joyce (23)
Alison Gray (24)

Apologies:

No.8
Anne and Mick (15)
Christine, Trevor and Mark Dodwell (17)
Peter Beard (19)
Janet and Harry (20)
Judy (22)
Kevin Gray (24)

Previous minutes:

Rosemarie requested that her attendance be added
Minutes agreed

Treasurers report:

Laura presented the accounts. The full report has been circulated to all residents.

Communication:

We have an email address. It is victoriameadra@gmail.com
This email address will be checked at least weekly by the trustees. For those who do not use email, please continue to write or call any of the trustees

Planning proposal:

Terry Guest, of Park St, is applying for planning permission to develop his garage into a residence. He has offered to pay £2000 to purchase (and cut down) 4 of the trees from the hedge at the entrance to the bungalow. Three options were discussed.

- 1 – Terry to buy the trees and buy a piece of the title to enable access to the residence from Victoria Mead
- 2 – Terry to buy the trees, but not have land / access
- 3 – Thoughts and suggestions from the residents.

Discussion took place, followed by a vote.

It was agreed, by majority, to allow Terry to pay for the removal of the existing trees and fence, and their replacement with a low fence and low growing shrubs. The trustees would oversee the work. The trustees will get some quotes for the work to be carried out at Terry's cost.

Post AGM note - Alison Gray has obtained a quote. The proposal to Terry will be as above, with a cost to him of £2,500

Parking on the grass

A concern was raised regarding the number of cars parking on the mead and whether our insurance covered us. Residents reassured that public liability insurance is in place for any incidents that may happen on our land.

Parking on the street

Further concern about parking was discussed, particularly with the Thame Service Centre being developed into a retirement complex. The planning references, should anyone wish to view this, is: P16 / S0912 / DIS

and

P15 / S2782 / FUL

Vanessa agreed to write to the police / parking authorities and express our concerns.

It was suggested that we register the VMRA with the council to assist with us being recognised.

Grass area

The trustees continue to look at options and prices for trees / shrubs / planting. Alison Gray has contacted 2 agricultural colleges to see if the planting might be of interest as a project.

Jim Howes has offered to buy a tree.

Summer gathering for residents?

Following the success of the 2014 summer picnic, and the 2015 festive drinks, it was proposed that we have another summer gathering. This was thought to be a good idea. Date and details to follow.

AOB

Mending of the parking sign on the grass – Eddie is going to fix it, and place it as close as possible to the telegraph pole. He suggested putting stones at the base of it's legs. Costs to be covered by VMRA funds.

Post AGM note – we have received feedback which expresses concern about the gravel / stones being a potential hazard for the lawn mower. Trustees to discuss with Eddie.

Jenny expressed her thanks to all for their understanding whilst she had building works done.

Eddie raised the option of registering our grass as a village green. Trustees to investigate and discuss.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm