

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH RUISLIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2004**

1.0 Opening Remarks

Don Ticehurst (standing in for Jean Ingram) opened the meeting, welcoming all present, including Elizabeth Beggs, Sgt Neil Anderson, Colin Bisset, Cllr Mike Cox, Dave Tennison, and new committee members Mr Havins-Caddick, Mr Jeremy Wasden and Mrs Judy Kelly.

2.0 Apologies for Absence

Were received from – Jean Ingram, Jeremy Wasden, Oliver Curley, Mary O'Connor, Elaine Webb, Shirley Harper O'Neil, Iris Ellis, Mrs Lamb, Ann Hughes.

3.0 In Attendance

Approximately 45 members plus the executive committee.

4.0 Mrs Elizabeth Beggs

Mrs Beggs, Chair of the Police Liaison Group and the Community Police Consultative Group was introduced to the meeting. The role of the Police Liaison Group and the Community Police Consultative Groups is to act as a forum to discuss issues involving policing in the area, such as Neighbourhood watch schemes, victim support, policy on sentencing, in addition to national issues like the new licensing bill and the proposed gaming bill.

5.1 Police

Sgt. Neil Anderson, head of the Safer Neighbourhood Team in South Ruislip informed the meeting that the Safer Neighbourhood scheme had been set up to answer the community's concerns of crime at a local level. It was reported that crime was down 13% on last year, but the aim of the team is to make a general improvement in the area.

Patrols are on foot and bicycle to give reassurance to the public. The team's remit is set by the community and is currently addressing the issues of graffiti, anti social behaviour and vandalism. The team will also be involved in enforcing the new fireworks legislation.

Contact is being made with local schools to get children involved.

Contact details were distributed to members at the meeting.

A specific issue of a fence along side a foot path between The Croft and Victoria Road was raised by a member. Cllr Mike Cox agreed to pursue the repair to this.

5.2 Crime prevention

Dave Tennison, crime prevention officer from Ruislip Police Station, gave details of current initiatives. These include posters about Halloween, the end of British Summer Time, and the use of timers to control lights.

Marker pens were available for members, and Dave spoke of the 'smart water' that is to be introduced for marking small items such as jewellery.

Posters are also to be displayed encouraging people to empty cars when they are parked to deter break-ins.

A warning was given of a cash card scam where people are being tricked into revealing their security codes.

6.0 Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

6.1 Matters arising

6.2 637 Field End Road. A retrospective planning application has been made for the conversion of the house into three flats.

6.3 26 Edwards Avenue. An objection has been made to the demolishing of a bungalow and the building of flats.

6.4 An objection has been made to the BP garage in Victoria Road operating its shop 24 hours a day. Concern was expressed over the sale of alcohol from the shop.

6.5 No applications have been made with respect to Glebe Farm. The site is presently being cleared. The advertised 'open storage' is not possible without planning permission, as it is in the Green Belt.

6.6 Sidmouth Drive. Hillingdon council is pressing ahead with the scheme, despite admitting that the shortfall of places is only 27.

The council is ignoring government rules regarding schools. The Liberal Democrats are now questioning if building a new school is the right way forward.

6.7 Bourne Lodge. Support for the campaign to save Bourne Lodge has been given by John Wilkinson and Oliver Curley.

6.8 Planning permission for the care home on the site of the Tally Ho! Has been refused.

6.9 Colnbrook Incinerator. The SRRA will write to Nick Rainsford regarding the planning permission given to build the incinerator. Slough council are looking to see if permission to build can be withdrawn.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Chief Road Steward's Report

Thank you to all the Road Stewards for doing such a good job in delivering the newsletters, collecting subscriptions and compiling membership lists.

This quarter 2300 newsletters were distributed. Special thanks to volunteer help in delivering the newsletters to Arthur Lewis and James Ware, also to Mrs Lamb who is retiring.

Road Stewards are still needed for Torcross Road, Appledore Avenue, Diamond Road, Primrose Gardens, Princes Way, Brackenbridge Drive, Bec Close, Bourne Avenue, Manor Gardens, Paddock Road, part of Victoria Road and Rufus Close.

7.2 Secretary's Report

The visits to RAF Northolt were well supported and enjoyed by those who took part. Thanks was given to the staff of RAF Northolt for looking after us.

This year there has been a boot fare in Field End Road (either the school or the rec) every Sunday. This causes congestion on the roads, with people parking in dangerous places and blocking spaces for residents in the near by roads.

It was agreed that the SRRA would write to the council demanding that boot fares were only held on alternate Sundays in the summer.

7.3 Transport Report

The subject of controlled parking Zones was discussed. Consultation is being carried out in the area around the station to find out what residents want. It was suggested that a local meeting be held to get a consensus of views from members. It is expected that council officers and councillors would be able to attend.

7.4 Treasurer's Report

The accounts at the end of September stand as follows

Current	£3009.79
Reserve	£3831.97
Deposit	2642.15

£2000 is to be transferred from the current account to the deposit account.

8.0 Any Other Business

Cllr Oliver Curley has secured funding for a youth centre. The response from residents in Brackenbridge Drive has been 45 for and 5 against.

An article in the Conservative party leaflet for Ruislip Manor has said that local representatives have been proposing lowering the bridge in South Ruislip. This would have the effect of moving all the large lorries from Ruislip Manor to the roads in South Ruislip. The council are seeking funding for this without consulting the people of South Ruislip or even advising us that this is being proposed. The SRRA will strongly resist any attempts to worsen the congestion on our roads.

James Ware informed the meeting that St Mary's Church is seeking Chrysalis funding to improve car parking at the church and access to the park. Cllr Mary O'Connor is backing the bid.

9.0 The meeting closed at 22:20 p.m. The next meeting will be on the 27th January.