



Shakespeare Residents' Association (SRA) and Butterfield Green Users Group (BUG)

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Wednesday 11 November 2009 at SWAPA

Present

Keith Magnum
Tom Barber
Ulla Winkler
Pat O'Leary
Diane Dyer

Bron Jones
Karen Alcock
Annie Wilson
Maggie Chattaway
Andrew Clough

Christophe Lutard
Wendy Mitchell
Phil Jakeman
Nell Cameron (minutes)

Apologies

Nick Holder

Flora Graham

Annette Simpson

1. Minutes and matters arising

Minutes agreed with these corrections:

- The lease of shops on Allen Road are still being discussed, Karen is going to chase officer
- Need 1400 newsletters **not** 14000

2. Newsletter

- Pat has been designing a template for the newsletter – and discovered inconsistencies in the titles of the residents' association:
 - In the constitution we are: Shakespeare Neighbourhood Residents' Association
 - In the newsletter: Shakespeare Residents' Association
 - On the web address: www.shakespeareneighbourhood.org.uk
 - The title in the website is: **Shakespeare Neighbourhood and Butterfield Green**, Shakespeare Neighbourhood Residents' Association and Butterfield Green Users Group

Decided to call ourselves from now

Shakespeare Residents' Association, with the website address:

www.shakespeareresidents.org.uk Will then explain that Shakespeare Residents' Association (SRA) incorporates Butterfield Green Users Group (BUG) – this new url is available.

- Bron has drawn a new header for the website and the newsletter – all agreed it looked lovely
- The newsletter content is in and full, no content on Rainbow Nursery or about donations (but can use previous box about donations). Will put information about SWAPA new buildings next time

Actions: Keith to talk to Flora about the new url, Pat to talk to Flora about the header

- Have a list of street representatives to include as content when are short of articles.
- Will include the website address as the footer.
- **Thanks to Pat and Bron – draft of newsletter looks fabulous.** Bron has also found a cheap printer (MetoPrint) for the newsletter – 4p a copy. Will include their name at the bottom

Action: Pat will talk to the printer about the paper for the newsletter

3. Shootings on Howard Road

- Three boys were shot on Howard Road on 26 October at 8.45pm. The police were called and all boys are now out of hospital and doing well
- At a recent meeting with the police it was reported that there is to be lots of improvements in the Lawn's shopping area
- The new youth hub is being designed to ensure it is a safe place to be and will attract a wide and diverse mix of young people
- There is a local Safer Neighbourhood Police Meeting on 25 November, 7.00 – 8.00pm at Milton Gardens Community Hall

4. Dogs

- Annie has written something that is now on the website
- Karen has asked officers to look at the issues surrounding dogs, both on public highways and in parks – including damage to trees and the safety of children (divides opinions)

Actions: Diane will raise at the community advisory panel. Will also write to our local MP, Diane Abbott: Annie will draft a template, Diane will write concerning the killing of her cat and we will also write on behalf of the residents' association

Bron will look at putting notices on the trees' grilles to explain that they are there to protect trees

5. Empty Shops, Allen Road

- The osteopath who is planning to move in has met with the building supervisor – it is too expensive to sort out the damp in the basement and therefore Hackney will not rent the basements – instead will seal them off and ensure that air circulates. Plan to rent this shop is still expecting to go ahead, with a changed agreement. Will be called Butterfield Osteopathy
- Officers are going to be having discussions with the delicatessen owner who wants to move in
- It is a shame that Hackney Council has let the building degenerate to this poor condition (6 years ago the basements were usable)

6. Butterfield Green Users' Group:

- **Recent activities in the park and orchard:** the recent community gardening day saw new active people coming to join in. The Starbucks volunteers were asked to spread woodchips in the flower beds by Michael Dixon, despite BUG agreeing different tasks with the organising group – very frustrating and a waste of volunteers time. Karen is happy to take this further. Maggie will cc Karen into future e-mails to Michael.
- **Green Flag Award:** Hackney Parks want to apply for this award for Butterfield Green, should be good as it will mean 'raising the game' in terms of upkeep, work carried out in the park. To gain the award the Parks department will need to liaise with local users. BUG is happy to work with Parks on this but want reassurance that our views will be taken into account. Karen suggested that we invite officers to the BUG meetings as the Clissold

Users Group do – we have in the past, with Michael Dixon but there was still no action as a result of discussions...

Action: Karen will attend the next BUG meeting (27 November at Coffee Corner); Michael Dixon will also be attending

- **The stream:** The Fountaineers have done the survey and have found:
 - A pipe has collapsed and needs replacing; the collapsed pipe is causing the pump to malfunction. They have isolated the pump to prevent any damage to it and suggest that the pipe work is rectified before the pump is turned on again. Alterations in the pipe work mean that the chain to remove the pump cannot be used (and using this may have caused the collapsed pipe). They suggest that that whilst the pipe work is repaired that the system is re-piped to allow the lifting of the pump to be achieved.
 - The return of water to the tank seems to be the crux of the problems. To prevent the build up of debris and water loss a new box-shaped strainer and waterproof edge are required as is moving some of the boulders.
 - Some of the surrounding areas are being eroded and washed into the stream. They suggest that wooden sleeper retaining edges are installed.
 - Access to the tank is extremely difficult and the cover is loose and ill fitting. They suggest fitting a hinged lid that can be padlocked to prevent accidents occurring.
 - The streambed seems to be in good condition, although there are apparent cracks in the structure. They can't be sure but there should be a waterproof membrane under the concrete structure and this should be in good condition. They therefore feel that there are no water leaks from the streambed.

In summary:

Generally the water feature is a well-designed system that is sustainable in the park area. With the suggested works undertaken we feel that the water feature will run successfully and requires a minimum of maintenance.

The Learning Trust and Park Department are jointly funding the repairs.

Thanks to Pat for her work and perseverance on this.

- **Next events:**
 - 22 November for bulb planting
 - 13 December for tree planting

7. Flowerbeds

- Rupert has responded to Ulla and suggested a meeting with Louisa, Councillors and Street Scene Officers about the area. The meeting will be on Friday 13 November at 9.30am. Palatine Road residents are wanting the area to be 'safe' for children to play in whereas we would like there to be a clear cycle path, safe and easy access to the park and low maintenance, attractive landscaping

8. Horizon School

- Wendy and Christophe have met with the deputy headteacher who is very keen for the school to be involved with Butterfield Green, with 2 classes gardening in the park once a week. Phil from BTCV is also keen to help.

Actions: Wendy will liaise with Michael Dixon from Parks about whether this is possible (BUG think it's a great idea). Annie will stay in contact with

Wendy. BUG will follow this up when they meet with Michael on the 27 November.

2. Date of next meetings:

- **General Meeting: Wed 9 December 2009 at SWAPA with mince pies and mulled wine.**
- **7.45 BUG**
- **8.30 SRA**