



Minutes

Meeting: Hills Amenity Society Committee

Date: Thursday 20 October 2011

Present:

Wendy Fisher	(WF) Chairman
Lisa Godsalve	(LG) Committee member
Peter Wynn	(PW) Honorary Treasurer
Lawrence Gray	(LGr) Committee member
Will Hambling	(WH) Committee member
Stephen Cohen	(SC) Committee member
Martin Margrie	(MM) Honorary Secretary

Apologies:

Brenda Harris	(BH) Planning
Parag Shah	(PS) Committee member
Ian Locks	(IL) Newsletter & Character Appraisals
Marcus Warren	(MW) Committee member
Lee Lubbas	(LL) Committee member

1. Minutes of the last meeting on 7 September 2011

The minutes from the last Committee meeting were agreed.

2. Change in Secretary

WF formally advised the Committee that **LG** had asked to step down as secretary after six years and that **MM** had offered to take on this role. This means that **LG** will now support **PS** and **LGr** with neighbourhood watch.

3. Committee members contact details

To ensure all Committee members are able to contact each other for urgent committee purposes, it was agreed to confirm email addresses and mobile telephone for each Committee member.

4. Best front garden 2011

WF confirmed that a resident of Baldwins Hill had been awarded the 2011 Hills Garden shield for the best front garden. The shield will be presented to them at the autumn lunch on 12 November 2011 along with garden vouchers worth £40 taken from Committee funds.

5. Autumn lunch 2011

The autumn lunch will be held between 12noon and 2pm on Saturday 12 November 2011. **WF** will be hosting the event at her house. Tickets are £5 for adults; children are free.

6. Autumn/winter 2011 Hills Amenity newsletter

Two Hills Amenity newsletters are produced each year; one in the spring and the other in the autumn.

The autumn newsletter is almost ready to be proof-read and sent to print. This will then allow it to be distributed to all Hills residents. However prior to this meeting **MW** had very kindly offered to print the newsletter free of charge. The Committee asked that their appreciation be minuted.

IL to liaise with **MW** regarding the printing of the newsletter and to let **MM** know when it is ready for distribution, which should be as soon as possible to ensure residents are aware of the date of the autumn lunch.

The Committee agreed that to ensure fairness, distribution of the newsletter would be undertaken by all Committee members, in their local areas, with the exception of **IL** who takes responsibility for the collation and dissemination of the newsletter and **MW** who has printed it.

The following was agreed:

PS to assist **BH** with the distribution of newsletters in Queens Road. **PS** and **BH** to liaise for this purpose.

WH confirmed that if for whatever reason he is unable to distribute his allocation of newsletters then his wife will do so on his behalf. **WH** to let **IL** or **MM** know.

LGr and **MM** to distribute **PW**'s allocation of newsletters if **PW** is away. **PW** to let **MM** know.

7. Dates of forthcoming Committee meetings

The Committee acknowledged the importance of diarising all forthcoming meetings and agreed that generally speaking meetings will be held every six weeks and on Tuesday evenings. The following dates were provisionally agreed:

2011

8pm on Tuesday 29 November 2011

2012

8pm on Tuesday 17 January 2012

8pm on Tuesday 28 February 2012

8pm on Tuesday 3 April 2012

8pm on Tuesday 26 June 2012

8pm on Tuesday 4 September 2012

8pm on Tuesday 23 October 2012

8pm on Tuesday 4 December 2012

It was agreed that in consideration of fairness and where possible, all Committee members will host one of the forthcoming meetings. Where it is not possible the meeting will be held in the restaurant area of the Gardeners Arms.

Committee members to inform **MM** by email the date they will host the meeting.

8. Annual General Meeting 2012

The Committee agreed that the 2012 Annual General Meeting will be held in the Gardeners Arms on Tuesday 15 May 2012 at 7.45pm.

9. Best front garden judging 2012

The committee agreed that judging of the 2012 best front garden will take place on Sunday 1 July 2012. Committee members to meet outside the Gardeners Arms at 11.00am

10. Autumn lunch 2012

The committee agreed that the 2012 autumn lunch will be hosted between 12noon and 2pm on Saturday 10 November 2012. Venue to be agreed and confirmed.

11. Planning update

WF presented the planning applications on **BH**'s behalf.

27 Pump Hill 'gutter cottage'

New application resubmitted, plans not seen yet. Committee to be updated at the next meeting.

42 Queens Road

First floor, front extension with pillars over the bay. The committee has written to object as the extension protrudes over the building line and if approved will set a precedent. Committee agreed.

2 Stony Path

First floor side extension. Committee had no objections.

67 York Hill

Two storey rear extension with extended raised patio, loft conversion with two front dormer windows and rear roof lights and part pitched roof to existing garage. Committee approved the plans as long as the conditions in relation to wooden windows were observed.

9 Staples Road

Rear extension at the ground floor which is above the existing lower ground extension. On principle the application looks ok but the Committee had written to raise concerns in relation to the suggested roofing material which should be slate and not tile. It appears that there were concerns raised by the neighbours in relation to the loss of light.

24 Wroths Path 'Rose Cottage'

Partial demolition, alterations and single storey extension. The Committee agreed for a representative from the Committee to meet with the neighbour and that the Committee would support them if they have any objections. If there are no objections then there is no further action required by the Committee.

62 Queens Road

The Committee had informed Enforcement and no planning was required. No further action by the Committee.

12 - 30 Church Hill

Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of three, linked, three storey buildings. This alters the access. Plans to be looked at.

22 Stony Path

Retrospective planning permission has been requested for the two-storey extension before the end of November 2011.

12. Financial update

PW confirmed the Committee funds at the time of the meeting.

13. Date of next meeting: 8pm on Tuesday 29 November 2011.