

Croxley Green Residents' Association Meeting 22nd July 2013
Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

- 1a) Present: Margaret Pomfret (MP), Mandy Grant (MG), Tony Munroe (TM), Barry Grant (BG), Joan Zanelli (JZ), David Neighbour (DN), Amanda Mackie (AM), Mary Mitchell (MM). 6 residents signed the register
- 1b) Apologies: Judith Turnbull, Rose Hanscomb, Peter Reynoldson, Ross Humphries
- 2) Minutes of meeting 13/5/13 were proposed by DN, seconded by TM and signed by BG
 - 3) TM feedback
 - a. RHu has been updating website. Proposal to encourage other groups in Croxley to use it to showcase their existence, e.g. Mumpers, Keep Croxley Green group, etc.
 - b. Media/Resident group had meeting last Wednesday. Work is starting on the autumn edition. Decided to keep it to 16 pages. Plan to do fundraising to reduce shortfall between revenue and costs of production.
 - c. Future of Resident discussed. We do need to find other sources as advertising alone isn't covering costs. Quiz mentioned or using some of the reserves in the bank.
 - d. Discussion of membership of media committee. Liz Frow asked why we continue to produce the Resident given the number of other publications, e.g. My Croxley, Parish Pump, etc. Explained the local/more topical flavour of Resident; also we know it is delivered to every residence in Croxley; My Croxley isn't.
 - 4) BG asked Chris Mitchell (as chair of Parish Council) about the village centre project. JZ asked about a link to the plans on the PC website. Community plan questionnaire, led to the village centre project. The PC has carried out a "pre-feasibility" study into enlarging the village hall. There is discussion taking place in Croxley. The next step is to look at funding sources (Section 106?) There will be a few months of consultation and then next financial year a feasibility study will be carried out. AM asked about the expansion when compared with county plans to extend Yorke Mead School and have parents use the car park in Community Way. A discussion followed re car parking and proposed facilities at the proposed village centre.
 - 5) BG brought forward **item 7**) at this point. CGRA welcomes Chess Valley Rugby Football Club to Croxley Green. However Croxley Youth Football Club is now operating out of a variety of sites, not just the Guild.
 - a. CGRA had thought old Durrants school field could be made available. HCC not willing to release the land. BG expressed concern as to why the land might not be available. CGRA will continue to question HCC about future uses of the land.
 - b. MG asked if we should be petitioning. BG feels not yet.
 - c. MG asked CM about why the issue of sports facilities had been dropped from a PC meeting. Some clarification about the agenda item was made. District councillors are trying to deal with the issue.
 - d. CM agreed that the PC should discuss provision of pitches as per the clarified and agreed points.

- 5) BG asked people to note the date for the quiz, which will be held in the village hall. It is a fundraising event for the CGRA. MM asked about the flyers that both BG and JZ had emailed to the committee. Committee have been asked to email thoughts to BG
ACTION ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- 6) BG expanded on the fact that the history project is now web based, not a book as originally thought.
 - a. MP explained the reasoning behind the project; to gather into one place the vast number of information sources about Croxley.
 - b. Pupils at Rickmansworth School have recently been involved in local history work. RHa and MP were asked to support this.
 - c. BG recently invited into Harvey Road School to talk about the need for a secondary school in Croxley Green
 - d. MP reported back on the paper trail with which we have links due to Dickinson's Mill. MP is involved with the group and will be sharing resources for their book.
 - e. JZ motioned thanks to MP, TM and RHu for their work on this project to date
 - f. Chris Fagan asked if the group knew Brian Thomson and his work on local history. MP does.

- Item 8) a. MP has been to a meeting and a committee has been setup
 b. Flyer has been produced and a copy is in the minutes folder.
 c. DN asked how people should get in touch. There is an email address on the flyer.
 d. MP reported back on the Hertfordshire Orchard Initiative with which she is also involved

- 9) TM reported back on Road Safety committee meeting of 17/6/13
 - a. Speed signs not yet done on the Green
 - b. Merge in turn sign on Scots Hill not allowed
 - c. Speed calming junction Harvey Road/Woodland chase has been done
 - d. Discussion about redesigning the road layout of Lincoln Drive took place
 - e. Road Safety week will be 18-24th November 2013
 - f. Commuter parking in Community Way and congestion on Watford Road near the Red House and the station were discussed along with parking problems on New Road
- 10) a. Revels were good; an excellent turn out and a good number of local organisations were represented. DN asked about a marquee for next year to cover CGRA, KCGG, PC, RS.
 b. BG and CM put out a plea for new committee members. **ACTION: EMAIL MAILING LIST**
 c. Yorke Road School; developer will report at September's meeting
 d. Community Plan results are on PC website, paper version will go out later in year.
 e. No further updates from Reach learning regarding the new secondary school
 f. Yorke Mead School: AM fed back decisions and feelings about the proposed expansion. Discussion followed and CGRA will keep an eye out for the planning application
 g. All Saints Church clock: Chris Fagan gave a report (copy in minutes folder). Chimes will be reinstated with a timer mechanism to comply with the noise abatement notice.
 h. Kelly Keating reported back on Neighbourhood Watch issues
 - i. overall 20% drop in reported crime; 672 fewer crimes than last year.
 - ii. remember to close windows in hot weather if leaving house

- iii. Three Rivers is the 2nd most peaceful and safe area to live in the UK. Safer neighbourhood teams are being reduced and staff redeployed.
 - iv. Road safety is high on NW agenda
 - v. Kelly will email links to NW to be put on CGRA website
- 11)
- a. 70% of invoices for Resident have been paid – online payment seems to be helping.
 - b. We have received £500 from PC for the history project. **ACTION: LETTER OF THANKS FOR GRANT TO BE SENT TO PC**
- 12)
- a. JZ proposed vote of thanks to MG for taking minutes over last few months. AM seconded.
 - b. MP has been approached by a resident concerned about the reinforcement works being carried out on the railway bridge over Baldwin's Lane which won't be necessary once the rail link has been built
 - c. JE asked if anyone was watering the Jubilee Oak on the green as it is not looking healthy
 - d. MP thinks there is a plaque missing from a tree
 - e. DW asked about the new park in Baldwin's Lane and the provision of swings
 - f. CM reported about a group in Watford setting up an alternative food system – FROM – they will be holding a meeting on Wednesday coming at 10 at Friends Meeting House in Watford. CM will pass on more info to anyone interested.
 - g. CF asked if CGRA had been invited to the Three Rivers Museum heritage day and offered to email over more information.

The meeting ended at 10:22 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 9th September at 8:00 p.m. in Croxley Library, Barton Way.