



Kingsway

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

KRA Public Meeting Minutes: 1st Mar' '17

Chair: Dave Talbot (Various KRA Committee members also present).

1. Local Issues Update: Police

PCSO Kevin Lee reported on crime stat's during the last quarter: There was a reduction in reported crimes (excluding ASB). There has been an increase in ASB prompted by groups of youths congregating in the area and egging properties, etc. The police working with local housing groups have issued ASBO's and are still working with them to resolve issues.

Local schools have reported problems around parking at Fieldcourt and Waterwells; the police intend to do a "school gate campaign" soon.

Speeding: An exercise took place last Friday on Thatcham, Woodvale and in Quedgeley.

Residents discussed issues around parking at Waterwells School including plans, solutions, Contractors traffic, etc. PCSO Lee agreed to look into solutions.

2. Updates from Kingsway City/County Councillors

Richard Cook outlined his responsibilities with the City Council, reporting that he had £2,000 to donate to local groups/schools, etc, (which has now gone).

Jennie Watkins introduced herself, (was previously responsible for Podsmead) saying that Kingsway is much quieter (less issues / mainly litter, etc) and summarised her recent activities including organizing (and funding) the 2016 Christmas Tree (at Kingsway local Centre).

Doctors Surgery: (Last reported that plans were with the City Council for approval). Plans are now agreed (for a larger location near to Linda Virgo), with the latest ETA as the 2nd half of 2018.

Jennie also mentioned the litter-pick due to take place on Saturday March 4th (organised by the KRA and meeting outside of the Kingsway Community Centre at 10am).

Questions from residents attending included:

Q: What to do about problems with rubbish and recycle bin lids, etc?

A: RC said the teams are trained to do the job properly and said issues should be reported on 396396.

Q: How about a national standard?

A: There are over 400 systems currently in operation! There is talk about standardising but it will take many years as many Councils have now invested in their own systems.

Dave Talbot introduced Barry Kirby (Founding KRA Chairman and Glos County Council Member) thanking him for his services to the Kingsway Community. Barry spoke about the KRA history and historical info' gleaned from the Kingsway Blog regarding the founding of the KRA and of the local community.

BK also mentioned his role with Glos' County Council and money allocated for highways, saying that although not much has been allocated in Kingsway (all new roads), we have had a lot of money for community projects (sports facilities/teams, etc).

BK spoke about his frustration with Asda regarding delivery vehicles parking/waiting outside on the grass verges; Barry has started a twitter campaign and asked for support from local people (post with #Kingsway #Gloucester and send it to @AsdaServiceTeam).





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Richard Cook mentioned the lack of any community support and BK mentioned the difficulty in getting any response from Asda.

BK said that the speed limit on the A38 (Quedgeley Bypass) is expected to be reduced to 50mph shortly, and may first be dropped to 60 for a period of time.

The Fire Service may soon be moved from Local Council to Police & Crime Commissioner. BK urged local residents to get involved in any consultations.

Barry finished by thanking local friends and council contacts for working towards making Kingsway a success.

3. Allotments

Site 1 (by Waterwells) is up and running. QPC are managing but are believed to be encouraging residents to set up their own committee.

Site 2 (also to be managed by QPC initially) should be ready by the end of this year.

4. Adoptions

DT reported no recent changes. Responsibilities are as follows:

Issues on Bus Routes (eg: speed checks) – City Council

Issues in developers areas – Developers

'Open Spaces' – City Council

KCC, Sports Pavilion & Sports Pitches – QPC.

5. Events

Litter Pick: March 4th (10am – 1pm)

Big Lunch and Dog Show: DT said this is year 8 for this event with 3k (Est') attending in 2016.

This year the event will take place on June 4th from 12am – 4pm. (Mayor to open).

See posters (KRA Facebook and Blog) for details of attractions and funding.

Halloween: 31/10 – 7pm at our local centre. (DT thanked Tesco for their – massive – support).

Christmas Tree Lighting / Carol Service: Will be some time in December (details coming soon).

6. AOB (Q&A)

Q: The lights on Woodvale/Valley Gardens can take ages to change; can anything be done about it?

A: BK will investigate.

Q: Who is responsible for street-lighting issues?

A: Adopted roads, City Council; Un-adopted roads, Local Developer; but the City Council ('Here to Help' number) will pursue the relevant/responsible party in any event.

RC also volunteered to help if you're stuck (Email him).

Date of Next Public Meeting: TBA

Resources:

Kingsway Residents Association (Web): <http://www.kingsway-villagers.co.uk/residents-association>

KRA Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Kingsway.Glos

Kingsway Community Blog: www.kingsway-villagers.co.uk/blog

Kingsway Villagers Website: www.kingsway-villagers.co.uk

