



## **Powderhall Village Owners Association**

- Date of Meeting:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007
- Chair:** Roddy Martine
- Minutes:** Sharon Grant
- Present:** Dougie Brown, Bill Scott, Ian Corbett, Kathryn Tomlinson and Stephanie Scott.
- Apologies:** Matt Watts, Peyman Taheri, Gordon Chrumka and Joanna Bytheway.

### ***Agenda:***

#### **St Mark's Park - Noise disturbance:**

Several residents have contacted the committee about motorbike racing in St. Mark's park at night-time. It was felt that as it has not happened now for a few nights, it has perhaps phased out. However if it continues, we will be contacting the Community Police Officer, Simon Daley who is based at Gayfield Police Station. We will also be inviting him to our AGM in January.

#### **Renewal of parking permits:**

Presently, Sharon is still awaiting databases from stair reps in 5, 7 & 10 Rigg; 1, 5, 6 & 8 Brae and 12, 14, 18 and 22 the Road. Unless we receive this information quickly, residents in these blocks may not receive their new parking permits in time. Stair reps are urged to collate this information as soon as possible. There are still some blocks without a stair rep. These are mostly on the Road. The committee will arrange to collate this information and will endeavour to find stair reps for these blocks. Any interested parties should email the committee on [www.powderhallvillage.org.uk](http://www.powderhallvillage.org.uk)

#### **Parking in Powderhall:**

We have still not received any formal acceptance from the Council of the revised parking allocation for Powderhall. Roddy and Ian have been in touch with Andrew Mc Bride at the Council and he has agreed to meet with them in the New Year. Roddy and Ian will invite Councillor Louise Lang to attend this meeting also.

#### **Parking at Christmas:**

Sharon will contact Dougie Hunter at Central Ticketing to find out what dates the warden will patrol the village over Christmas and the New Year. Stair reps will be asked to post this information on notice boards for the attention of residents.

#### **Signage:**

Sarah has provided a quote from Totem Signs for the installation of directional signage in the development. The committee approved this and Sharon will notify Sarah so the works can proceed.

### **Security:**

Sarah is hoping that the security measures will be in place before Christmas. Security is a big concern to many residents due to burglaries over the festive period. Sharon will also send a note to stair reps for placing on all front and back doors, asking residents to be vigilant over this time and **NOT** to allow anyone they don't know into the buildings.

### **Float Increase:**

Despite the Committee's concerns, Charles White will be increasing the float from £100 to £150 to cover costs. Charles White have stressed they are not making any monies from this increase. This float is fully refundable when residents sell their property. Residents will be billed for this increase. The committee would have preferred that there was a slight increase on a yearly basis as apposed to one large increase.

### **Cleaning of the buildings:**

BLC were on site a month ago to clean the staining caused by effervescence and overflowing pipes. Sharon mentioned that she was not satisfied with the work that was carried out. There was no cleaning done to block 5 the Rigg and there are still white chalky marks on walls throughout the development. Sharon has contacted Sarah Wilson and Sarah will be on site on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> to inspect the work before contacting BLC.

### **AGM:**

The AGM will be held at Broughton Primary School on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January @7.30pm. Sharon will invite Sarah Wilson from Charles White, Simon Daley (Community Police Officer), a representative from City Car Club and our 4 Councillors. Stair reps will be notified of this date and will be asked to post notification of the date on notice boards.

### **Website:**

There has not been much visual progress with the web site but Gordon has done a fair bit behind the scenes. Gordon provided Bill the Treasurer with an invoice to cover the hosting costs for this year. In the future, Gordon will invoice on a quarterly basis. He has also had a services agreement drawn up. He provided a copy for filing.

### **City Car Club:**

Peyman has had a series of conversations with the Car Club representative (Keith Starke), a request has been submitted to the Council for adoption of two parking spaces and decision is expected by the end of January. Keith is confident we would have a scheme up and running by the end of February. The committee would be happy for Keith Starke to attend the AGM to do a 10-minute presentation.

### **Resident's reminder letter:**

Stephanie has kindly written a resident's reminder letter, which will be distributed, to all residents via stair reps. This letter will highlight certain Terms and Conditions, which residents should adhere to.

**AOB:**

- **Broughton Project Group:**

Stephanie brought us up to date regarding this group and the work they have been doing. A survey has been carried out looking at the landscaping in the Broughton area. Already there has been planting done at Broughton Primary School, in Canonmills and at the Bowling Green. Funding for this project has come from the Lottery. This group have charitable status and there is £2,000 for planting more trees in Broughton. If any has any suggestions regarding environmental issues in Broughton or replanting they should email: [stephscott@btinternet.com](mailto:stephscott@btinternet.com). This scheme is not for private property but Council areas only.

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