

**Minutes of the Cambridge Road Estates Community Group Meeting
Held at 6pm on 9th February 2011 at Tadlow**

Present:	Jill Preston (JP)	Chair	Doreen Gardiner (DG)	Secretary
	Sheila Griffin (SG)	Member	Jenny Pitt (JennyP)	Member
	Steven Brister (SB)	Support	David Ryder Mills (DRM)	Support
	John Higson (JH)	Vice Chair	Lynsey McCormack (LM)	Support
	Des Gordon (DesG)	Support	Mary Graham	Member
Apologies	Gary Walsh	RBK	Neville Rainsford	RBK
	Geraldine Burgess (GB)	Member	Jill Darling	Support
	Claudia Cain (CC)	RBK	Victor Kitenge	Member
	Maria Turner	Support		

		ACTION
1.	JP opened the meeting and apologies were given.	
	TO AGREE MINUTES OF 10TH JANUARY 2011	
2.	These were agreed.	
	TO DISCUSS FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS WITH GARY WALSH (ECET)	
3.	<p>a) 11th October meeting The Chair welcomed Gary Walsh, Capability Lead – Community Strategic Business, RBK. Gary stated: I am here regarding the accusations made at the meeting of 11th October and to give a formal apology for the inappropriateness of this issue being raised publicly . Following his apology he confirmed that as at the 11th October 2010:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · There was not a formal written complaint against JP or CREst. · The matter had not been the subject of a formal investigation · Individuals involved from both sides had not been spoken to or interviewed · There were no investigation background papers that could be shared as there had not been an investigation · Advice had been taken from HR · There was no right to reply as, despite what was stated on 11th October there was no formal investigation or findings. <p>Based on the above he explained that it was his belief that we all had similar ambitions to improve community wellbeing and that in any working relationship issues can cause strain on people who have differing approaches. He emphasised the need to have honesty and to show respect to each other. He also proposed that if any person had concerns in the future that this was best addressed informally, and at an early stage, with a view to resolving the issue before it became a problem. At this stage asked that all agreed to put this behind us and to move forward and look to the future.</p> <p>He went on to state that Cllr Neville Rainsford (NR) would be a key point of contact in the future. Martha Earley has also resumed her position following maternity leave. NR stated that he is responsible for important changes within the Norbiton area and is keen to see both groups working in harmony for the benefit of CRE residents. He feels our Newsletter would be a valuable tool to keep residents informed.</p> <p>b) Relationships on the CRE. The Chair raised the matter of a CRERA delegate being invited to attend CREst meetings – several members raised concerns about this due to recurring incidents of unacceptable behaviour. It was also felt that a CREst delegate should be invited to attend CRERA meetings . It was agreed that an invitation be extended (with no voting rights) on the understanding that the Chair of both groups is not one of the attendees. It was agreed that DesG inform CRERA of this.</p>	DesG

c) **Protocol** It had been suggested that another Protocol be agreed between the CREst and CRERA. It was pointed out that this has been an ongoing project for quite some time – indeed CREst had agreed and signed one of the versions that had then been rejected by CRERA at the last minute. It was felt that if both groups had a suitable Constitution a protocol would now no longer be required.

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MATTERS ARISING

- a) **PlayScheme update** - The Marathon Trust have offered a grant of £110k for this project. This will remain in RBK bank account until required. The CRE Play Scheme working party has been set up and agreed 'Terms of Reference'. SG has been charged with getting local residents involved in the project. It had been agreed that the 'Fresh Air Fitness' project become part of the plan. The Marathon Trust grant has stipulated that work must begin within 3 months. DesG is in touch with them to extend this deadline. DesG & JP have drafted a proposal for Kingston Town to seek agreement that funds from 'The Bill' be allocated to this projected as it is 'ring fenced' for use on CRE. This is now with SO
- b) **Fit as a Fiddle** – DG reported that this is popular. As the original 6 week sessions are soon to end it was agreed that funds be made available from our 'Health and Wellbeing' budget in order to extend this service. DG will speak to GS from AGE UK and report to next meeting.
- c) **AFC Wimbledon Matchday Events.** JP reported that there has been a poor response to this. It was agreed that she will contact Helen Terry to check whether it has been promoted by Youth Services. She will also send details to Norbiton Schools Cluster.
- d) **CRE Gas supply** – JP reported that she is concerned that residents in Comberton, Grantchester and Fulbourn have had their tenancy agreement altered with no prior consultation following the fire in Madlingley. This will mean that the affected residents no longer receive gas that is paid for via their service charge but instead will require an individual meter and supply. The fact that residents must now pay VAT will result in increased costs. In addition, a large percentage of residents are still without a gas supply. JP has emailed FM but has yet to receive a response. DesG stated that this was not RBK's responsibility but have encountered a bad response from TransCo. SB agreed to pursue this FM
- e) **Police sirens** – It was reported that these are still a nuisance. LM will look into this. SG also offered to speak to Supt M Greenslade. SG also reported that she had attended a meeting highlighting the need for Elderly People to 'Keep Safe'. It was agreed that SG provide the posters for us to put up.

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DesG

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FUN DAY

JP reported that there will be a Fun Day planning meeting on 16th February

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ESTATE MATTERS

- a) **Site Inspections** – DG and JH plan to do a lighting inspection both estates
- b) **Hogsmill Redevelopment** – No information received yet

DG/JH

7.	<p>CHAIRS REPORT</p> <p>JP had circulated her report prior to the meeting. Key issues were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A small group needs to work with Zahida at KVA to revise the Constitution in preparation for applying to be registered as a Charity JP and DG agreed to draft this and consult with MG by email b) Gardening – CREst had arranged a meeting for interested residents on Saturday, 5th February. £100 has been donated by CREst and CRERA for this project MG continues to be Project Leader and has agreed to speak to Mears and Quadrant regarding installing raised beds. She also plans to speak to JV and HG about planning for the future events 	<p>DG/ JP MG</p> <p>MG</p>
8.	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Accounts update – DG reported that the Gala took £249.85 b) CRERA funds transfer – JP sought assurances that CREst involvement with this is now over. DesG and SB confirmed that this was the case. 	<p>DRM</p>
9.	<p>MADINGLEY FIRE FUND</p> <p>DRM agreed to seek an update from Mike England</p>	
10.	<p>TRAINING UPDATE</p> <p>DG reported that she and JP are booked to attend a 2 day ‘Outcomes’ training course as part of Charity Commissions Governance Training</p>	<p>DG/JP</p>
11.	<p>NEWSLETTER.</p> <p>MG is looking for funding through Surrey County Council £3000 is sought by August. Those present congratulated JennyP on an excellent revamped Newsletter</p>	<p>MG</p>
12.	<p>EVENTS & ACTIVITIES UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Events for 2011 DG will finalise the dates for this year and report back to the next meeting b) Royal Wedding Street Party – JH, DG and JP had met with CRERA delegates to discuss this. The budget was agreed by working party as £500 and event will include Charley Farley, Food, Bouncy Castle and possible TV coverage – DesG to speak with Saddiq concerning the need for an entertainment licence. 	<p>DG</p>
13.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Choir – Jenny P expressed concern that the times of the taster sessions may discourage local parents who are interested as they clash with school collection times. It was agreed that Jenny speak to Maralyn Mason about this on behalf of CREst</p>	
<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 7th March 6pm in Tadlow</p>		

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