



CHAIR'S REPORT FOR JULY 2011

ONGOING PROJECTS

EGM - This has now been completed – Minutes are attached

CREST application to become a registered Charity – Doreen and I met with Zahida at KVA and as a result submitted the redrafted Constitution that we shall need if we are to proceed with our aim of becoming a registered charity. The revised Constitution was sent to you in readiness for discussion at our EGM. I am pleased to confirm that the revised Constitution was duly Proposed by; J. Preston , Seconded by: Penny Shelton and unanimously adopted as our new Governing document. This means that Doreen and I were then able to work completing an application to register as a Charity.

As an update, CREst have logged on to the Charity Commission's website and now have a reference number , password plus the first draft of our application. This has been circulated to you all as there are some details required from Trustees before we can send in our application. In addition, I would be grateful for any comments on the actual content of the application.

PS : Would those who have yet to provide details please bring them with you on Monday so that we can agree the registration details and be in a position to submit an application on 12th July. Hopefully this will give us time to be registered before the Fun Day - the website indicates that waiting time stands at about 10 days!

Cambridge Road Estates Play Scheme - There was a planning meeting held on 7th July where it was agreed that a Resident Event be held to let residents know that the good news is the fact that this Project **will** go ahead. The Event Planner for this event is also attached along with a draft Contact Sheet to record details of local residents who express a willingness to become involved – and indicate in what way. The event will take place on 16th July between 11am-3pm in Piper Hall. (see attached poster/leaflet) I would like to thank you all for stepping in to ensure that the leaflets promoting this event are delivered to residents at such short notice.

Gardening Group - Transition Town Kingston have booked a stall at the Fun Day and plan to use this time to publicize the Gardening Project and sell of excess fruit and veg. To assist this effort I have made a point of highlighting their location on the Fun Day map.

In addition to this you may recall an email exchange recently where we were asked if our Insurance plus CREst qualifications are valid for the Gardening Project. I responded explaining what we were able to offer but explaining the need to do a Risk Assessment, Contact form details etc which need to be incorporated before this can be considered as 'agreed' . However, I feel that we need to talk about this in greater detail on Monday to ensure we are properly covered.

Drama Group – We have been approached by a gentleman who would like to speak to us about the possibility of starting a drama group on the CRE. For lack of any feedback I have invited him to attend our 11th July meeting to provide us with a brief outline of his proposals

Norbiton First Community Consultation - 1st June Community Meeting.

Sheila, Doreen, and I attended the meeting alongside Penny and David RM who were there as Councillors for Norbiton. The meeting was also attended by Bruce McDonald and Dave Smith – respective heads of RBK and NHS Kingston. Local GP and my colleague Dr Mike D’Souza also attended, where his interest in the mental health and well-being of Norbiton residents was sparked. Notes from this meeting have been circulated

This meeting was followed by one which targeted local residents interested in expressing views of local people, held tonight, 7th July. No doubt notes from the meeting will follow but in the meantime I should report that all present were encouraged to complete basic surveys asking residents to highlight their top 3 preferences for services. This will then be fed back and a priority list compiled.

During this meeting I confess that I expressed concerns that to date there has been no funds allocated which worries me as it is difficult to pursue a project of this nature without funds. I was even more concerned at the prospect of CRest using our resources to highlight the most popular services only for the ‘powers that be’ to use this as a reason to cut back on the services which seemed less popular. We can discuss this further on Monday

Fun Day - 20th August. Plans for this are well underway and the stall bookings complete. Our major tasks now are to seek as many **raffle and tombola prizes** as possible and hopefully increase income for the event. In addition to this we need to recruit as many volunteers as possible as it now appears that that Smith & Byford and Mears **do not plan** to offer any support – either with manpower or prizes. They are not even planning to have a stall. At our last planning meeting Doreen and I agreed with Des that we would allow him until this week to discuss this matter with them. If there is still no hint of support we plan to make an appointment to discuss the matter with Simon Oelman as it would seem that resident support for these events is sparing but we are hoping that RBK Housing can find some way to demonstrate support for such a successful event by authorizing a few minor tasks such as connecting the water supply, creating an electrical outlet and, if we are really lucky, an hour or so of assistance in the morning to set up the Ticket Booth, Marquee etc.

SUMMER LIVE

Doreen and I have spent many hours during the past couple of weeks speaking with Dave Clarke of ‘Exclusive Events’ He is the organiser of the **Summer Live** event which is listed as being arranged for **7th August at Kingsmeadow**. This appears to be an excellent opportunity for us but I would like for the proposal to be discussed fully and agreed by Members before we start selling tickets or publicizing the event.

RESIDENT PARKING

Many of you will be aware of the fact that RBK extended the tickets marked with an expiration date at the end of March 11 to December 11. This would be fine, except for the small matter that Tadlow failed to notify any resident other than those who had a paid for parking space. This means that quite a few residents threw away their old permits in anticipation of an updated version – only to be asked for £5 replacement fee for a copy of the ‘old’ permit. I have spoken to Des who has confirmed that no resident should be charged £5 for a replacement card. I would be grateful if you could let this be known.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Just a brief reminder that we have booked Raj from ‘Enjoy a Ball’ to run a session in Piper Hall every Tuesday afternoon throughout the summer holidays. We will be charging a token £1 per child and entry will be on a ‘first come first served basis’