

Minutes of CREST Committee Meeting

Held at Piper Hall, 5 November 2012

Meeting began at 6.10pm

Apologies: Jim Reynolds, Maria Turner and Doreen Gardiner

Attendees: Jenny Pitt, Jill Preston, Brendan Hynes, Joan Stone, Veronica Storey, Kate White (Superhighways), Dorothea Lloyd, Alma White, Sheila Griffin and Mary Graham.

Playscheme: JP reported that the Fresh Air Fitness equipment is due to be built outside QMH, and building work is also taking place at Madingley Hub and the Childerley/J-pitch. A celebrity is to be confirmed to open the Playscheme.

One Norbiton: JP reported that One Norbiton is now a company and is due to appoint officers at its upcoming meeting.

Drama Group: Jim Reynolds has said that the new drama project has been postponed until after Xmas due to timetabling difficulties/venue booking

Food of all Nations: David Ryder Mills was due to report back on this project after a meeting with governors at King Athelstan School.

New Premises: JP said that the CREST office at Graveley is now far too small to deal with CREST and One Norbiton business and as a result of a meeting between herself, Dr Mike and Simon Oelman, new premises will be made available. The old laundry rooms on Cambridge Gardens has been suggested and JP and Dr Mike think it would be suitable. Simon Oelman has said that £5k will be made available for refurbishment. The committee members discussed this and agreed with JP that it would be a great new site for CREST and would not only benefit One Norbiton, but other community groups, too.

NHS Consultation: The consultations have been halted as the project has been extended to cover Surrey.

Mental Health drop-in: Joan and Brendan reported that 7 people are attending. They plan to organise a Xmas lunch at the Kings Tun. Jill said that CREST would be happy to photocopy and distribute posters if needed.

Estate Matters

- a) **Superhighways/Community Connected:** Kate White talked about the history of the Community Connected project and after a hiatus due to the fire , it's now back at the Community Shop. The aim is to provide a service to residents to refurbish computers and give training. It takes place fortnightly on a Thursday. Kate said that the Fun Day was useful in that the project was publicised and as a result 13 residents registered their interest. There

are talks currently with a local service provider, Wifinity, to provide a broadband service, but there are legal issues with RBK with land access, which will hopefully be resolved soon. The Community Connected project has some additional funding and Kate is investigating ways to allocate the money. One idea is to encourage people to send Xmas wishes to family via email, while JP suggested help could be given with Xmas shopping online. Kate initiated a discussion about the idea of a genealogy course, and CREST members then went on to discuss the possibility of a local history project, to get older residents to share memories. Kate and Veronica will investigate this idea further, with possible liaison with the library and museum.

- b) **Estate Inspections:** JP suggested the committee members find days and times for a walk around the estate to assess problems. Lighting and fencing are a part of this.
- c) **Housing Environmental Funding:** ideas are needed to spend this money. Suggestions are fencing, signage, safety strips on steps.

Safer Neighbourhood Report: nothing to report, but there is a meeting on 6 November.

Chair's Report: members have a copy and the content was discussed throughout the meeting.

Treasurer's Update: JP circulated the latest accounts information.

Newsletter: JenP said articles were being contributed ahead of the copy deadline in early December. Kate and Veronica expressed an interest in putting together information on projects and submitting it for the January issue.

Events

- a) **Gala:** JP reported that prizes are needed for the raffle.
- b) **Family Fun Day:** Veronica reported that there was good feedback from the stallholders, with a large attendance, mainly residents from the estate.
- c) **Cook & Eat:** Veronica said that this finishes on 6 November and has been very successful. There are plans to run another course in the summer.
- d) **Mince Pie Munch:** this takes place on 19 December from 3pm onwards. JP reported that she has asked Ed Davey to attend and may ask the mayor to switch on the Xmas tree lights.
- e) **Plans for 2013:** a yearly planner was distributed to members and JP asked for everyone to take a look and let her know of any changes.

Any Other Business: Sheila gave out Kingston Arts Leaflets.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.