

Southdown Rise Residents' Association

Minutes of the meeting held at on 25th July 2017 at the One Church, Florence Road.

Present: Bridget Blore, Jim Grozier (minutes), Nicola Jackson, Annie McMullan, Abbie Mead, Gren Nation, Rob Rosenthal (chairing), Paul Tofts.

Apologies for Absence: Vic Ellis, Maggie Grimsdell, Jo Power

	Agenda Item	Action
1	Bins and Pavements	
1.1	There was general agreement that the impending introduction of wheelie recycling bins would be a problem.	
1.2	It was agreed that we should write to the Council (via Cllr Littman) expressing our reservations about this and about the current state of pavements in some streets and suggesting positive actions that could forestall such problems, such as communal bins..	
1.3	It was noted that street cleaning does not appear to be being done, particularly in Springfield Road.	
1.4	Jim to draft a letter/email and circulate it for comments.	Jim
2	Trees	
2.1	Bridget has emailed Cllr Littman about replacing the tree recently cut down in Springfield Road. It will be 2 years before there is Council money allocated to trees in this area. A new sapling will cost £314 to plant (presumably including the cost of removing the old stump).	
2.2	It was agreed that we should raise money ourselves to pay for a sapling. (We have some money dedicated to "Streets in Bloom" but will need to raise more).	
2.3	Bridget will design a poster about this, to be fixed to the stump and other locations. Following the poster campaign volunteers will knock doors and ask residents to contribute. Abbie, Jim and Nicola offered to help with this.	Bridget, Abbie, Jim, Nicola
2.4	Gren will email the mailing list about this.	Gren

3	Old Allotment site	
3.1	There has not been much activity on the site. Complaints to the Council from several local residents about decisions made regarding the “start of work” have not been answered.	
3.2	We should double check the ownership of the wall that was partially demolished. Ed has a legal document showing that it is not owned by the developer.	Jim
3.3	It was not clear what had happened re Clare’s petition.	
4	Officerships	
4.1	Gren and Jim agreed to continue as Treasurer/Webmaster and Secretary respectively.	
4.2	Rob does not wish to continue as Chair but would agree to be vice-chair.	
4.3	It was agreed to ask Ed whether he would agree to be chair.	Rob
5	Playstreets	
5.1	It was reported that there are fewer children in the area now and that a local playstreet scheme may not be viable. However, the church is organising playstreets in Southdown Avenue, and these can call on a wider catchment area.	
6	Contact with other Residents’ Associations	
6.1	It was agreed that we should foster relations with neighbouring RAs as much as possible.	
7	Any Other Business – None.	
8	Future meetings	
	No meeting date was suggested. Next meeting to be arranged by officers when felt necessary.	