Minutes of the Greville Road RA AGM, St Philip's, 27 January 2016, 6.30pm

Attendees:

Mary Swann	Paul Dolman	Nick Lowe
Susan Brownell	Jane Batten	Bob Negus
Molly Harding	Mr Bhatt	Margaret Negus
Warren Dosanjh	Kathleen Bhatt	Nat Day
Alice Tate	Tina A. Jones	Margaret Willis
Raymond Tate	Shay Lettice	Heather Peck
Lenore Muskett	Debbie Barham	Helen Harrison
Sophie Williams	Karine Cohen	David Harrison
Rod Bower	Zoe Moghadas	Catherine Smart
Carole Waugh	Emmy Smart	

Apologies:

Karen Stamper	Jean Rumbelow	Margo Sargent
David Trueman	Amy Lockwood	Philip Sargent
Graham Dunkling	Gina Baker	
Dom Pickersgill	Alicia Pereil	

- Meeting chaired by Lenore Muskett; meeting called to order at 6.35pm; Minutes taken by Tina A. Jones

- Welcome to new members and explanation of who received membership forms.

- Thanks given to Jane Batten and St Philip's for use of the meeting room.

- **Committee members voted in by all members present:**

Chair:	Lenore Muskett
Vice-Chair:	Tina Alexa Jones
Treasurer:	Margaret Willis

- **Constitution adopted by all present**

- W**ebsite**

  Margot Sargent will design a website for the RA. Some parts of the website will be for RA members only and will be password protected. There will be a section for the history of Greville Road, and perhaps another for the swapping of goods. Suggestions are welcome.

- **Federation of Cambridge Residents' Associations**

  It was suggested we should join this organisation so that our RA can be kept informed of city-wide issues.

- **Questionnaire Results**

  Trees: Emmy Smart looked into the pruning of the verge trees. Our trees were last pruned in 2014/15 and are not due to be pruned again until 2017/18. Because lorries are damaging the trees the person in charge of pruning will visit the road to see if an earlier prune is necessary. It is the telephone service provider's responsibility to maintain their lines.

  Inappropriate planning applications: Croftmead's planning application for no. 6 was turned down but they have appealed. An appeal can take up to 19 weeks before a decision is made. If the appeal is turned down Croftmead has stated they will turn

no. 6 into 6 bedsits. It is concerning that they have purchased at least one other house on the road.

Parking: CEN recently reported that councillors proposed a city-wide residents' parking scheme which would limit commuter parking. Greville Road residents should consider parking solutions on our road within the context of this plan.

County Councillor Zoe Moghadas met with officers from the County Council Highways team to discuss parking on Greville Road. They have suggested a possible solution consisting of alternating double yellow lines. Councillor Moghadas will canvass the road for opinions about this proposal, residents' suggestions, and views about the means of funding a solution.

After Councillor Moghadas has the results the RA will host a meeting of ALL Greville Road residents. The results will be discussed at the meeting as will the steps towards getting the agreed solution adopted by the Council.

- C**ity Councillor Catherine Smart** (Romsey Town Councillor and member of the City Planning Committee). Gave a talk on how planning applications are processed and how to effectively comment on them. Key points taken from Catherine Smart's talk –

  Issues not taken into consideration by the city planners when assessing an application: boundaries; party walls; loss of view; potential loss of value of neighbouring homes; parking (if free as on Greville Road); who owns the land; who will occupy the proposed development.

  Issues taken into consideration by the city planners: overshadowing; sense of enclosure (too overbearing); development must be in keeping with the area.

  Refer to the City Plan when submitting comments on a planning application. This document can be viewed at Mandela House and online at: https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/content/local-plan-2006

  Concerns expressed by some of the attendees: misuse of bins by bedsits; doubts whether the Council followed up conditions put on developments by city planners.

- Councillor Smart was thanked for her talk and all those present were thanked for coming to the first Greville Road RA meeting.

- The next meeting (possibly April/May) will be about parking. This meeting will be hosted by the RA but it will include all residents of Greville Road.

- The meeting came to a close at 8.15