

**Minutes from the third Residents Association Meeting for Whiteley Residents who pay a management charge, held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

Those Present:

Pat Thew (Chairperson)  
Sarah and Spencer Allen  
Ben Holloway and JagDeep  
Huw Millington  
Debbie Quick  
Jill and Brian Rhodes  
Graham Shrive Knowle Residents Association  
Vivian Achwal, Whiteley Parish Councillor  
Russell Kiln the local Police Officer for Whiteley.

### **1. Introduction**

The Chairperson, Pat Thew, welcomed every one to the meeting, and thanked Graham Shrive for giving up his time to attend.

### **2. Local Policing**

Russell Kiln outlined the crime figures for the area and asked if he could attend future meetings to keep in touch with residents. Following a discussion of local issues it was generally felt that Russell's attendance for a short time at the start of the meeting would be useful.

### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed, all the matters arising are covered elsewhere. There are now 49 households who have expressed an interest in joining the Whiteley Area K residents Association.

### **4. Acceptance Slips**

A number of the ARK Acceptance slips have been returned. It was agreed that these are suitable for use; the members present completed and returned an Acceptance slip. It was agreed that Ark should be known as ARK+ as Bluebell Way and Acanthus Court are not part of the area known as Area K. ARK+ will include; Acanthus Court, Arbour Court, Bluebell Way, Jasmine Court, Kingswood Close, Oak Coppice Road, Rowan Close, Lavender Court, Silver Birch Way, Maple Rise and 52-160 Thyme Avenue. The Constitution will be updated accordingly. **Action Pat Thew**

### **5. Knowle Village Lessons/Experiences**

Graham Shrive stressed it was important to know what area we cover. He recommended that we approach Whiteley PC for a grant to cover the cost of hiring Meadowside for meetings as Whiteley PC receive money in the precept from Area K+ residents.

He suggested that we write to Countrywide and Solitaire and ask them to detail what their responsibilities are, what the boundaries are for each area, how many households are being charged, and what are the costs; so we know what we are paying for. We should mention that we are copying the letter to ARMA, the Association of Management Agents

## **6. Meeting with Countrywide**

There had been a meeting with Countrywide, Vivian and Pat walked the lower end of Area K+. Countrywide have agreed to repair the fence that borders the park. On this occasion they will not be charging residents as the quality of the original fence is very poor. They have also agreed to repair the drain cover behind 66 Thyme Avenue. Neither job has been started to date.

## **7. Volunteers**

There were no extra volunteers to join the ARK+ committee as committee members, but after the meeting Susan McBride agreed to become a committee member.

Sarah Allen agreed to take minutes of future meetings. **Action Sarah Allen**  
Ben Holloway offered to write any business letters we require.

## **8. The Way Forward**

A copy of the flier has been placed in the Whiteley voice publication due to be delivered early March.

As suggested by Graham Shrive, Ben Holloway agreed to write to Solitaire and Countrywide. **Action Ben Holloway**

There is another meeting with Countrywide planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> March when Vivian and Pat will walk the remainder of Area K with Derek Olver and the gardener. Problems to be raised include the guttering breaking away on the road edge in Silver Birch way. **Action Pat Thew**

There is also a problem with the fence around the water works station in Maple Rise. Southern Water is to be approached. **Action Sarah Allen**

We need to talk to the Parish Council and/or Winchester Council about total adoption of all the roads in Area K+. **Discuss at next meeting.**

We need to write to The Housing Minister. **Discuss at next meeting.**

We need to knock doors to recruit members. **Discuss at next meeting.**

We need to prepare posters to place at Meadowside and the Parish Council notice boards.

Huw Millington has agreed to publicise ARK+ on the Whiteley Forum website. He is also prepared to set up our own ARK+ website. **Action Huw Millington**

Pat to look into asking Whiteley Parish for a grant towards covering the cost of holding meetings at Meadowside for the next 6 months. **Action Pat Thew**

A collection of £2.00 a head was made to cover the cost of the meeting room. Total collected £18 which covered the cost of hiring Meadowside.(£17).

### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Meadowside on Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 starting at 7.15pm.

Minutes by Pat Thew 6<sup>th</sup> March

Chairman:- Mrs P Thew

Secretary:- The post of minute secretary will be filled by Sarah Allen.

Secretary: - Letter writing Ben Holloway

Committee:- Ben Holloway, Spencer Allen and Jamie Holt, Susan McBride.

NB. In case of a vote only one vote will be allowed for Spencer and Sarah Allen.

**Action List – Overview**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Actionee</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	ARK+ will include; Acanthus Drive Court, Arbour Court, Bluebell Way, Jasmine Court, Kingswood Close, Oak Coppice Road, Rowan Close, Lavender Close Court, Silver Birch Way, Maple Rise and 52-160 Thyme Avenue. The Constitution will be updated accordingly.	P Thew	Open
2	Sarah Allen agreed to take minutes of future meetings.	S Allen	Ongoing
3	Ben Holloway agreed to write to Solitaire and Countrywide.	B Holloway	Open
4	Vivian and Pat will walk the remainder of Area K with Derek Olver and the gardener. Problems to be raised include the guttering breaking away on the road edge in Silver Birch way.	P Thew	Open
5	There is also a problem with the fence around the water works station in Maple Rise. Southern Water are to be approached	S Allen	Open
6	Huw Millington has agreed to publicise ARK+ on the Whiteley Forum website. He is also prepared to set up our own ARK+ website	H Millington	Open
7	Pat to look into asking Whiteley Parish for a grant towards covering the cost of holding meetings at Meadowside for the next 6 months	P Thew	Open