

Great Park Neighbourhood Association

Committee meeting 04/07/2018 – 19:30 – GPCC

1) Apologies.

Christine Young, Sarah Maluila, Claudia Birtwhistle

2) Minutes of last meeting for approval.

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted as a true and accurate record by those present.

3) Working as a team – code of conduct / ground rules.

Discussion around how we communicate and work together.
Code of conduct.

Feeling that previous RA's were reactive to issues and not proactive.

We must have a mandate from residents to move forward.

Cathy has produced a draft code of conduct.

All agreed that this is something we need. It will ensure that we support each other, if other committee members are struggling we must let each other know so that we can provide that support which is needed.

All at the meeting agreed that we should adopt the following Code of Conduct :

Code of Conduct

We are a team with the purpose of representing residents interests and views, helping them with information and encouraging a flourishing community.

As a team we will respect each members views, input and time commitment.

We will not bring forward our own individual issues unless they are an example of something which affects other residents.

We will not respond as individuals to outside bodies, but will at least consult with other committee members and on some important issues with all residents as well.

We will make every effort to engage residents and find out what they want.

We will share openly all discussions and communications unless they contain personally identifiable information.

We will each do our best to inform ourselves about ongoing issues, and prepare for meetings.

We will support each other in fulfilling our various roles.

Chris raised the idea that we should perhaps have a regular day of the week set aside for meetings - not all may be able to attend on a fixed day but it is felt that we should go with the majority. Wednesdays seem to be the best day of the week – to try to ensure that future meetings are held on a

Wednesday. Concern that attendance was low, so then suggested using Doodle to find the date with the biggest number and gathering mobile numbers so that members could be reminded the day before.

Should meetings be open to residents to attend?

All felt that this could be a positive step to take but not at every meeting.

? that alternate meetings could be open to residents to attend. Further discussion needed over format and timing needed.

All at the meeting agreed with the above points, however to discuss further the notion of allowing residents to attend meetings.

4) Communications strategy

Discussion took place concerning the lack of drop in sessions that are not held by the consortium. All at the meeting agreed that it is not good that the consortium appear to have disengaged with residents. Felt that we, GPNA, need to allow residents a voice. How we do this will form part of the communications strategy, for further discussion.

Steven had approached Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon about the following:

Poster and flyers to be available in the sales offices for prospective residents.

Flyers to be placed into the new residents packs from both companies.

Taylor Wimpey have confirmed that they would be willing to support this idea.

No response from Persimmon so far – **STEVEN TO CHASE THIS.**

Facebook:

Further discussion took place with regard to Facebook and whether or not we should have our own FB group. General feeling is that we should not have our own FB group, as there are enough of these already and at previous meetings it has been pointed out that new residents are confused as to their purpose. The consensus is that we should have a 'FB page linked to our web site and share posts on this onto the various existing groups.

The above was agreed by those present at the meeting as the preferred method of engaging with FB.

Twitter was also mentioned as this is another way of communication for us / residents.

Paul Cross to explore this option / idea.

Dropbox:

Sarah has produced a number of useful documents and placed them in Dropbox for collaborative working. All are encouraged to use this, and if necessary we can help each other learn how.

Community Centre:

Displaying a poster in the community centre was raised by Chris. All felt this would be of benefit to us.

Chris agreed to produce a poster to be displayed in the community centre.

Further discussion will be needed when more members present to develop a full communications strategy.

5) Web site domain name.

Discussion took place with regard to us registering a domain name – felt we need to do this asap.

Ideally our domain name will be short and succinct. The rationale for this being that a shorter domain name is easier to type.

If possible something like www.gpna.co.uk would be ideal.

Cathy will look at this and if domain names are available she will purchase them meaning that we must reimburse her asap.

We also discussed the reason for us being called a Neighbourhood Association rather than a Residents Association. An RA precludes businesses etc. from joining our association whereas a NA is more inclusive as it is not just residents that can join.

This had already been agreed at the opening meeting last November, and was endorsed by those present.

6) Actions from last meeting:

Steven – continue to maintain contact with TW. Continue to try to make contact with Persimmon. (Flyers and poster in sales offices).

Chase Mark @ GPCC re summer party.

Sarah – work done.

Cathy – chased consortium re the feedback form on their webpage – awaiting an answer. Cathy to continue to try to make contact with GPAG (John Atkinson).

Those at the meeting agreed with the above actions being taken forward.

7) AOB:

Chris advised that he is happy to speak to J Taylor (TW Director) re the continuing issues on the development. Nothing visible seems to be happening even though the consortium state that things are happening. Selling houses still seems to be their overriding priority rather than outstanding issues on the development.

Chris to move this forward.

We need to ensure that we all have each others mobile numbers to enable us to maintain contact with each other.

Steven to deal with this.

8) Date and time of next meeting.

Approx 5 weeks.

Steven will sort and send out the date, time and venue.

Meeting closed at 21:10.