

Redlands Residents Association  
61<sup>st</sup> AGM  
17<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Present:

Philip Runacres, 69 Brittains Lane  
Andrew Eyre, 63 Brittains Lane  
Jane Gillhouley, 75 Brittains Lane  
Roger Mellhuish, 10 Chichester Drive  
Wilma Mellhuish, 10 Chichester Drive  
John Wilkins, 11 Greenwood Way  
Ann Howard, 7 Beaconfields  
Barbara Walker, 19 Croft Way  
Sheila Bishop, 33 The Middlings  
Sue Trasler, 43 Brittains Lane  
Avril Hunter, 14 Beaconfields  
Allen Hunter, 14 Beaconfields  
Helen General, 21 Downsview Road  
Pam Stock, 12 Downsview Road  
Chris Stagroone, 16 Redlands Road  
Angela Compton, 77 Brittains Lane  
Annette Runacres, 69 Brittains Lane

Apologies received from:

Keith and Louise Balaam, Brittains Lane  
Debbie Petrick, Downsview Road

[1] Philip Runacres (PR) summarised the minutes from the previous AGM. There were no comments. The minutes were accepted as true and accurate.

[2] Karl Coomber (KC) our PCSO for the Kippington, St. Johns and Town Centre area spoke about speeding in the RRA area. He has set up speed checks along various points on Brittains Lane from February this year. The worst areas for speeding are where Redlands Road meets Brittains Lane and at the New Beacon School. Since April he has issued 17 speeding tickets and 24 warnings. He now adopts a policy of zero tolerance towards speeding. KC welcomed the residents to advise him where they thought the speeding is bad.

Training in the use of Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs) in the RRA area is available for residents through Kelly Webb at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. This would use an automated sign which will show motorists the speed they are doing. Although members of the public could not stop offending motorists Karl advised that properly trained residents could pass on information to the local Neighbourhood Policing Team which they would subsequently use. Some residents at the meeting showed an interest in this.



Angela Compton told the AGM that she has been attempting to get the kerb height outside nos. 75 – 85 Brittain's Lane to be reinstated and the signage improved. She felt that action on this would reduce speeding and dangerous driving on the narrow section of Brittain's Lane.

PR reported that New Beacon School have asked for 20 mph signs outside the school and if they were successful additional signs on the road surface showing the change to 30mph beyond this zone should then be allowed. This could be a topic on which the Association could move ahead with Kent County Council Highways.

KC reported crime figures for the Kippington Area (up to May 2010):

- ◆ All crime down 44.4% - 71 reports down to 45
- ◆ Burglary down 80% - 10 reports down to 2
- ◆ Criminal damage down 60% - from 5 reports to 2

Andrew Eyre (AE) asked about changes in anti-social behaviour in the RRA area and in Sevenoaks generally. KC reported that there had been a Summer increase around the Vine area which had received some publicity. The Town Council had arranged a combined meeting of the District Council's Crime Safety Unit, youth outreach organisations as well as the Police and the Neighbourhood Police. Increased monitoring and official activity at The Vine had been successful in reducing the bad effects of anti-social behaviour, litter and under-age drinking. KC confirmed that the Neighbourhood Police had received no reports of anti-social behaviour affecting the RRA area or the Julians Meadow play area.

KC informed residents that the CSU (Community Support Unit) would be located at Sevenoaks District Council offices in Argyle road from 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

PR thanked KC for his time and attendance.

[3] Accounts

AE talked through the accounts. The Association held £1224.15 and hadn't received subscription funds since 2006/2007. Graham Lodge (GL) commented that this

would be a key activity for the new committee and was as important for a feeling of belonging as it was for an income.

[4] Activities of the Association

PR asked the residents to accept the resignation of the Chair of the Redlands Residents Association, Treasurer and Secretary. He talked through the role of Chair of the Redlands Residents Association, and invited residents to consider this role. He outlined the main activities of the RRA since he became Chair of the Redlands Residents Association,, the need for the RRA to continue and the role of the officers.

[5] Appointment of Officers and Committee.

New Officers were appointed

Chair of the Redlands Residents Association:	Graham Lodge, 5 Greenwood Way, 01732 458157
Treasurer:	Angela Greensmyth-Jones, 18 Croft Way, 01732 453041
Secretary:	Avril Hunter, 14 Beaconfields, 01732 453292

Committee Members

Wilma Mellhuish, 10 Chichester Drive, 01732 450428  
Barbara Walker, 19 Croft Way 01732 452414  
Debbie Petrick, Downsview Road

Road Representatives

Sheila Bishop, 33 The Middlings, 01732 459119  
Sue Trasler, 43 Brittain's Lane, 01732 453356

[6] PR invited the new Chair of the Redlands Residents Association to take his place and Graham asked if there was any other business. PR and AE were thanked for their hard work and dedication over their years of service to the RRA.

Graham Lodge closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.