

Westcroft Resident's Association

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 20th June 2007

Location: Westcroft Meeting Place

Meeting Chair: Anna Tranter - Secretary

Present: As per the attendance list (accessible via the Chairman or Vice Chair)

Meeting commencement:	19:30
Welcome:	
The meeting opened with a welcome to those who were attending for the first time. All of these newcomers came due to the flyers which were posted the weekend before the meeting.	
Apologies were given for Russell Collins, Henrick Lindberg, Darren Arul, Rosemary Drewitt and Martin Snell.	
Minutes of last meeting:	
The minutes from the last meeting were agreed with no issues raised.	
Matters arising of minutes of last meeting:	
We are still awaiting a list of works to be completed from Stephen Gillians – Highways Adoption Engineer, MK Council. Russell and Local Councillor Rosemary Drewitt are both on the case to get these.	
Financial Report:	
Due to Darren's absence there was no update on our account balance for this meeting.	
The Chair advised that Darren is due to move out of the area within the next month and so we are looking for a volunteer to take over the role of Treasurer. Preferably someone who works in this type of industry but not essential.	
Any interested parties are asked to contact Russell Collins, The Chairman.	
Ruth Tudhope – Social Committee Update	
For the benefit of our newcomers, Ruth, ran through what the committee has achieved so far:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ladies Avon Night• Residents Quiz Night	
There are no future plans for another event as yet but discussions are underway to organise another quiz night which was a great success last time round. Update to follow soon.	
Guest Speaker – Jenny Capewell – WYSIWYG – TWRA Website Demo	
WYSIWYG, our resident IT Solutions company, have created the TWRA (The Westcroft Residents Association) website, free of charge but need us residents to take this forward by providing the content both for the initial set up as well as ongoing maintenance.	
Website Address: www.twra.co.uk	
Jenny explained the purpose of the Website is to give residents, visitors and prospective residents as much information about Westcroft as possible, encouraging a virtual community as well as a physical one.	

We were walked through the navigation of the site in detail, explaining the type of content envisaged for each section. The site has been created with everyone in mind so if this is your first time using the web you should be able to navigate the site just as easily as if you have been 'surfing' for years!

Jenny explained the importance of having the content relevant to residents as well as up to date and asked for any comments on the current format and whether we felt any additions were needed.

What we need from you:

- Ideas for a suitable picture for the Westcroft image
- Volunteers to help supply and maintain the content for each section of the Main Menu
- Ideas for additional content

In order for this site to reach its full potential, we need your help. You don't have to be a techy or a journalist so everyone can get involved.

If you would like to get involved, please contact the Chairman, Russellc@teamtalk.co.uk – **Russell is this okay with you or how should they contact you?**

Jenny will arrange a sub-meeting for those who are interested in contributing to the website so as this can be progressed in more detail.

Neighbourhood Watch

Jenny Capewell – Discussed the purpose of a Neighbourhood Watch (NW) group and asked attendees to fill in the information slips which had been handed out if they would like to join.

There are many benefits to a NW group such as:

- Helps keep Westcroft a safe and enjoyable area to live in.
- Reduces car and home insurance is there is an active NW Group covering your area.
- Keeps residents informed of crime situations around the area.
- Will assist in the prevention of crime in and around Westcroft.

If you didn't get a chance to complete the information slip and would like to find out more, please contact the Chairman - Russellc@teamtalk.co.uk – **Russell is this okay with you or how should they contact you?**

Jenny will arrange a sub meeting for those who are interested so as this can be discussed in more detail with roles allocated out as necessary.

Westcroft's Top 10 Issues

The following points were discussed and actions as detailed agreed:

- **Local Play Areas** – It was agreed by all that both play areas, Exbury Lane and Killerton Close were now complete and open to the satisfaction of the residents.
- **Allotments** – This is being managed by the Parish Council and anyone interested in a plot should contact them for more information.
- **Roundabout on Hidcote Drive** – Anna Tranter and Russell Collins will follow up with Rob Dabner (Local Police Community Support Officer about the Parking Situation on the roundabout.
- **Landscaping throughout Westcroft** - This is an ongoing problem with the lack of adoption from the council and lack of interest from builders who have moved on to a new site. Tony Capewell will pick liaise with the builders and council to see what can be done.

- ***Nymans Gate Road Markings*** – Tony Capewell will include this in his discussions with the builders and council.
- ***Litter on the playing fields (Cranborne Avenue)*** – Ruth Tudhope will liaise with the Parish Council and Council to see if we can get more bins provided next to the seating areas as well as along the pathways.
- ***Dumping of Local Newspapers*** – It was agreed that this had got better but was still happening. All residents were asked to call the paper responsible and advise them of any papers that had been dumped so as they could manage it. This has been met with a good response in the past. If continues then we will need the paper to explain how they are going to manage this in future.
- ***Antisocial Behaviour/Public Drinking*** - Anna Tranter will liaise with Rob Dabner to see if Westcroft is part of the ‘No Alcohol’ zone. If so we would like to see signs advertising this and if not we would like to see how we become part of this.
Howard Leonard will also arrange a meeting with Morrison’s about enforcing their policy on selling alcohol to under 21’s, the congregating of ‘youths’ outside the supermarket and also the coverage of their CC TV Cameras.
- ***Unfinished/Damaged Pavements*** - Tony Capewell will include this in his discussions with the builders and council.
- ***Neighbourhood Watch*** – Work on this has already started, see above section.

AOB:

Rob Dabner’s details were requested for those not present at the March Meeting and have been provided below:

Rob Dabner - Community Support Officer

Non-Emergency Contact Number - Thames Valley Police - 0845 8 505 505

It was recommended that this number is used to report all non-emergency cases such as vandalism and potential anti-social behaviour, as these cases are logged via the Police Enquiry Centre (PEQ) and they will contact the nearest Police Officer/Community Support Officer.

The purpose of the Community Support Officer is to work the street with minimal admin to allow them to be the eyes, ears and hands of the Police in the local community.

It was advised that Westcroft has a low crime rate for burglary and car crime but we do have Anti-social behaviour mainly with youths around the Morrison's Supermarket.

Date of next meeting:	Wednesday, 18 th July 2007
Meeting close:	21:30