

MINUTES OF GLENOGLE COURT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 5th April 2022, through Zoom.

Present:

Michelle O'Toole (Chair)

Behnam Balali

Doreen Boyle

Carol Fraser

Patrick Honeybone

Mor Kandlik Eltani

Anne McCarthy

Joe Peach

Apologies from: Rachel Hinds

1. WELCOME AND REMIT

Michelle opened the meeting and the agenda for the meeting was agreed. Anne read through the minutes from the last committee meeting (held on 22nd February 2022) and the committee agreed to treat items arising from that meeting as agenda items for this meeting.

2. WEBSITE ISSUES

Joe reported that the new privacy policy has been updated on the website, that the minutes from the AGM have also been posted on the website (these will need to be approved at this year's AGM), and also that the updates to the GCRA's constitution (which were agreed at the 2021 AGM) have been implemented on the version of the constitution on the website. The website is therefore fully up-to-date.

3. TREASURER BUSINESS

It has been established that the GCRA did have a bank card for its bank account, which can be used to pay for the website and similar things. A new card will need to be ordered, however, given that the treasurers have changed. Benham volunteered to hold the card, and the previous treasurer has cut up the old card. Also, Greenscape, the gardeners, have been paid for the extra work that was commissioned.

4. NEW SIGN FOR THE RIVERBANK

Carol spoke about the plans for getting a new sign to clearly mark that the riverbank is private property. All agreed that was a good idea, and Carol agree to investigate costs for a new sign. Joe raised the idea that the other signs which indicate that the grounds are 'PRIVATE GROUNDS' might need replacing, and all agreed that this should be investigated too (to see if they do indeed need replacing and whether all signs could be ordered and installed at once).

5. CARPARK REPAINTING

Benham reported that he had obtained a number of quotes (following the decision to repaint the car-park lines and flat-numbers at the AGM), which were reported at the meeting, and the cheapest reliable-looking quote was £1850, from a company who would provide a guarantee for the work for several years. All agreed that this was the best option and that the company should be commissioned to do the work, and Benham agreed to take this forward. It was agreed that residents will be informed that this is going ahead once the committee has a firm date for the works.

6. GCRA FACEBOOK SITE

The Glenogle Court Facebook page was discussed. The issue has been raised that this site is not run by the GCRA formally - some members of the committee are members of the Facebook group, but the owner is a former member of the committee, and the page is not a formal way of contacting the committee. It was agreed that the committee is in favour of maintaining the Facebook page as a way of informal communication among any residents who would like to join, but it was felt that it should be made clear on the Facebook site that it is not formally run by or part of the GCRA. Joe agreed to draft a suggested wording about this which the committee will ask to be put on the site.

7. GARDENING ISSUES

It was suggested by Carol that the committee should arrange another walk around the estate with Greenscape, the gardeners, in order to consider if further work (beyond regular upkeep) needs to be commissioned. It was thought best that this should occur in the late summer / early autumn. The last set of extra works was also discussed, and it was agreed that this had been carried out in a suitable way in the end (it had been delayed due to the COVID pandemic).

8. BENCHES AND PICNIC TABLE

Following the decision at the AGM to allow the committee to decide on replacing the benches and picnic table, the issues were discussed. All agreed that both (some of) the benches and table should be replaced because they are appreciated by residents but are starting show their

age and may become dangerous. It was agreed that three new benches will be purchased (of the model Garden bench Pino) at around £100 each. It was also agreed that a new picnic table will be bought, up to around £600 (without VAT). Anne agreed to investigate this further and to order benches and picnic table in due course (with further consultation about the picnic table if necessary).

9. GCRA PICNIC

It was agreed to try to hold a picnic again, given that COVID restrictions now allow it again. The date of 25th was agreed, to start at 4pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

The committee agreed to meet again towards end of June.

POSTSCRIPT

Since this committee meeting took place, Doreen Boyle has resigned from the committee because she is moving house (effective 16th June 2022).