

## Kingsway Residents Association

### Minutes of Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008

#### Quedgeley Community Centre, School Lane

1. Introduction by Barry Kirby
2. Apology from Ian MacLauchlan for minutes of previous meeting not being published
3. New Issues raised since last meeting
  1. Concern has been raised regarding traffic on Valley Gardens
  2. Bollards on proposed bus routes... Is there any news?
  3. Would it be possible to get the pedestrian lights at junction of Valley Gardens and Woodvale adjusted to allow people to cross safely?
  4. Damaged fence by traffic lights - Who is responsible?
  5. Is there any chance of having the ramps (Skating board) moved to another area to sc?
  6. Would it be possible to get the Youth Pod moved to Kingsway so the youths have somewhere to meet?
  7. Ownership of the “Green Areas” - Who will be responsible in the future?
  8. Lack of lights on Pathway to play area
4. Committee are trying to organise a “Christmas Party” proposed date is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the new Kingsway School; the idea is to have some sort of entertainment - possibly Brass Band - and light snacks. Santa will be there for the children. More details will be published over the next month or so.
5. Richard Reed gave a brief update on Neighbourhood Watch and asked residents that - if they saw any problems - please contact the Police; the more issues that the police have, the more they will patrol.
6. Issues from last meeting and an update given
  1. Do we have a schedule for the completion of the roads in the various parts of Kingsway?  
None as yet
  2. Do we have a schedule for the pub and shops?  
Referred to Robert Hitchins

3. Do we know who is going to occupy the pub and shops yet?

Referred to Robert Hitchins

4. There have been some problems with maintaining the landscaping. The top end of Thatcham Ave is pretty shabby with 4" thistles growing in the common areas and some ditches and ponds are full of builders' rubbish. Residents have reported this to their developer (Bryant Homes) who did clear the rubbish but it was back when I looked earlier today. Who is responsible for this and who should residents contact? Which areas of landscaping are considered finished and what is the schedule for the rest? (2341, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2354, 2355)

There is a program of maintenance and seeding being operated on open spaces – improvements will obviously occur as the program rolls out!

5. There is no sign of anyone mowing the areas around the balancing ponds and the weeds are really high. There is also a problem with rubbish in the ponds, missing warning signs and incomplete fences. Do we know when these areas are going to be finished? Who is responsible for maintenance? (2334,2335,2337,2338)

The first set of signs and buoys were stolen! They are to be replaced and a general clear-up is scheduled – grass cutting and rubbish – shortly.

6. Are there plans for a bus route by Bodium Ave? A resident was told that there was going to be a bus bollard there but we would like some more information. There are discussions underway with the bus company with a view to extending the bus journey around Kingsway – more information follows as known
7. Some of the streetlights on Chivenor Way are not working according to a resident. I have not been down there in darkness to verify. Who is responsible for this and who should residents contact?

8. There is a deep hole in the curb at the junction of Thatcham Ave and Marham Drive with no warning signs. The hole is right in the center of the pavement and is at least 2" deep. This is a H&S hazard and I'm surprised that no one has fallen into it yet. A resident asked the site office to fix it but nothing has happened. (2342,2343)

9. Is there any news on the allotments? A number of residents are keen to get planting!

The allotments are not due to emerge until the later stages of the development. The answer is to approach the Gloucester City Council and find out if an application list etc is in operation – I have had numerous requests on this through our web site. Good idea too,

possibly to perhaps make contact with the local Allotments Association for the area via your Res Assoc – they do often work with the local authorities on district area allotment matters and also lobby the authorities etc

10. Do we have a schedule for the road through the business park being opened for traffic?

Referred to Robert Hitchins but will remain closed for the moment.

11. Was there any progress on the wall on Woodvale? It is still unsightly for buyers and residents entering Kingsway, and it seems to me that it is in everyone's interest that we get it sorted out. I understand that the owner should be dealing with it but I was wondering if you had any views on how best to proceed on this as he clearly isn't going to fix the wall without encouragement. (2333)

The wrecked wall is the responsibility of the developer, in this case David Wilson, but of course, the real person responsible is the person who knocked it down... hmmm!

12. Several residents have asked about a hard standing for the bus stop on Woodvale. There is one for the northbound stop but not the southbound one and when it rains that can get very slippery. A simple patch of concrete between the curb and the path would be adequate. (2357)

This will be dealt with when Gloucestershire County Council and the bus company Stagecoach finally settle on the detail of the route around the development.

13. Would it be possible for QUVL to change the development phasing to make the current builds more attractive to new buyers and residents? There was some discussion around this issue but it basically revolves around finishing off the existing phases sooner rather than later. Even in phase 1 there are quite a number of very visible areas that are incomplete (footpaths, green spaces, roads etc) and it was felt that these could be a fairly cheap way to make Kingsway look better, to the benefit of everyone, since you are going to have to do them anyway sooner or later. I'm not expecting a concrete response but some sort of indication of how QUVL feels about this would be much appreciated.

7. The next meeting will not be until January 2009. At that meeting elections will be held for committee.