**Minutes of the Pipers Area Residents Association Meeting held 6.6.14 at 7.30pm at the Wheatsheaf.**

1. **Apologies:** Daphne Hardwick, Cllr Mattock, Duncan Cunningham, Colin Doubleday, Jane Milner-Barry, Bea Menier, Judith Randell-Sly, Neil Hopkins, Carole Bent

**Present:** Claire Bouverie-Brine, Susanne Webb, Cllr Bluh, Cllr Watts, PC Tim North, Kareen Boyd, Linda Kasmaty

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** will be agreed at the next meeting because of low attendance we were not quorate.
2. **Matters arising**

**Action:** The Section 106 money breakdown, amounts, where it is earmarked and when it runs out will be dealt with by Cllr Mattock at the next meeting.

Helen McCabe has looked into the developments at The Bell, the people who own it are trying to raise the money to complete the project.

There is still a question about whether a TPO is needed on trees on SBC land.

Answers to questions about the Croft lease from Cllr Bluh:

a) The council are talking to a mixture of 5 non- profit making and commercial organisations, their evaluation criteria are confidential at the moment. Will they remain so?

b) The covenant that was removed in 2011 for £100?

**Action:** Cllr Bluh will ask Stephen Taylor about this.

c) The leisure centre lease discussions will go to full council after being discussed in cabinet.

d) The cabinet meeting to discuss the leisure centre leases is being held on June 25th.

The meeting notes will be published on 17th June. Asked if there would be a briefing meeting with officers before the meeting on the 25th June, Cllr Bluh was unsure if there would be one.

**Action:** Cllr Bluh to find out about evaluation criteria.

Cllr Watts has emailed Bernie Brannan, Rob Richards and Sue Mendham about the streetlamp still to be reinstated on the unadopted section of Marlborough Lane.

Taylor Wimpey have put in an application for permission to build 62 houses at the bottom of Croft Road behind Fitzroy Road; it’s not in the Local Plan as earmarked for building, so Cllr Bluh will oppose it, if the planning application is turned down and Taylor Wimpey appeal, that could be an issue.

1. **Police Update**

It’s been a quiet month, one burglary on the Lawns, cash and jewelery in the daytime. The bank card scam is continuing and has been on Watchdog in an attempt to stop people handing over cards and details. A bogus workman in Wroughton managed to take £43000 from someone over several jobs. Summer drug dealing on the Lawns – someone put up a tent to live in and sold drugs from there.

If concerned about fraud, ring Action Fraud, via the police number.

1. **Councillor’s Update**

Cllr Watts responded to our monthly question about the date for the traffic consultation. Claire Cornelius and Gwillam Lloyd are now on holiday, so they say they cannot do it yet.

There was general annoyance about this because we have waited 3 years for a traffic consultation.

**Action:** Cllrs Watts and Bluh will chase up the traffic consultation so it is held before the end of the school term.

1. **AGM**

Postponed.

Concern was expressed about car parking restrictions in old town.

**Action:** Cllr Bluh will investigate if we could have free parking for a certain length of time, or free parking to encourage footfall.

**Action:** Cllr Bluh to find out if the former technical college has been listed.

1. **Petition**

The petition to get Croft Field taken out of the lease has reached almost 1800 signatures, it will be handed to our new mayor, Teresa Page, at the Civic Offices on June 11th at 4pm.

1. **Old Town Festival**

At the Family Fun Day on the Lawns on 28th June, the Armed Forces day people have been offered space at the OTF as their event in Faringdon Park is not going ahead. AFD should have some stalls there and TAs will be present.

1. **Mela**

There was not enough funding to put this event on; it costs £70000 to put it on, there will be a series of mini events instead this year.

1. **Broome Manor Lane parking**

Parking along Broome Manor lane may be due to the fact that parking restrictions have been introduced in Marlborough Park by the developer.

**Action:** Cllrs Watts and Bluh will investigate whether this is legal or enforceable.

1. **St. Margaret’s Road planter**

It has been proposed that we order this planter to be paid for by PaRa and using £50 profit made from hanging baskets and donations at the Big Lunch.

1. **AOB** None

**Date of next meeting: 14th July at 7.30pm in the Wheatsheaf.**