

**Spring Grove Residents' Association**  
**Minutes of the AGM – 12 May 2011, Parish Hall**

**PRESENT**

**Chairman:** Alan Leeds **Treasurer:** Karol Smal **Secretary:** Jackie Steinitz  
**Committee members:** Gordon Bell, Sean Yeates, Paul Hemmings, Phil Harvey, Dawn Trigg  
**Residents:** Approximately 20 **Guests:** *Grove Ward Safer Neighbourhood team:* PCSO Pat Read, Kayleigh Simpson *Kingston University:* Anne Barr (Community Liaison Advisor), Mark Horne (General Manager of the Students Union) *Grove Ward Councillor:* Chrissie Hitchcock.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** *Councillors:* Marc Woodall and Barry O'Mahoney, Sgt Ed McDonagh. Natascha Logan, Phil Chapman
2. **Minutes of the 2010 AGM :** Approved.
3. **Chairman's Report:** It was another thriving year in the community with many events culminating in the highly successful Royal Wedding Street Party. The committee continued with all its regular activities (keeping contact with councillors/ MP/ police/ university, organising events such as the barn dance, monitoring all planning applications in the area, delivering 5 issues of Springboard, running the website etc.). It also provided input into RBK Core Strategy, attended the Grove Ward SNT police Community Panel meetings in which local concerns are raised and priorities for the Safer Neighbourhood team are set, and co-ordinated feedback from residents about the Kelly Arms, a proposed phone mast and tree pruning in King Athelstan Park.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Income totalled £350 including £145 profit from the barn dance and £182 advertising receipts from Springboard. Expenditure totalled £368. The two largest items were Springboard costs + admin (£139) and annual public liability insurance (£149). On 31 March 2011 the SGRA had an accumulated fund of £750.31, down £19 on the previous year. The accounts have been audited.
5. **Election of the Committee/Approval of Parish Hall representatives:** Deborah Robinson and Mike Harris have stepped down from the committee. They were thanked for their many years of service to the Community. Emma Poole and Pippa Sparks have kindly agreed to join. In the elections all posts were unopposed. The committee for 2011/12 will be: **Chairman:** Alan Leeds **Treasurer:** Karol Smal **Secretary:** Jackie Steinitz **Committee Members;** Gordon Bell, Phil Chapman, Natasha Logan, Paul Hemmings, Sean Yeates, Phil Harvey. Dawn Trigg was voted onto the committee. Joan McConn and Gordon Bell were approved as the SGRA Parish Hall Representatives.
6. **University Issues (Anne Barr, Mark Horne):** AB reported on a number of initiatives including a recent meeting with representatives from the community police in every ward so as to take a co-ordinated look at all the problems and issues/

additional police patrols funding by the university at key nuisance times/ initiatives to improve littering in Fassett Rd, Mill Street, Knights Park etc. including the use of sponsored bins / Late night buses to transport students back to halls of residence in order to reduce noise and improve student safety/a new centralised triage system for dealing with complaints (previously complaints were dealt with by a number of people)/ a new head of security who is working night shifts and community webpages.

MH said that both the bar at Knights Park and "The Space" bar at Penrhyn Rd had been awarded with Best Bar None accreditation. This is a national award scheme aimed at promoting responsible management and the operation of alcohol licensed premises in the night time economy. He also reported on the economic benefits of the university and its strong volunteering ethic, citing examples of volunteers delivering 3000+ hours in the local communities by working, for example, with police and local schools. He noted KU's success in the national volunteering awards in which they had just won 3 gold medals and invited suggestions for volunteering activity which would be of benefit to local communities. There is a new Vice Chancellor of the University, Julius Weinberg, who has a strong focus on community relations.

In the Q&A there were a number of questions about specific incidents relating to noise. MH reiterated his offer made in previous years to visit specific premises with the Environmental Health Authority. He confirmed that there is no live music after 11pm.

Any incidents should be reported to the new centralised triage answer phone (020 8417 3662) leaving your contact details (phone and/or email). It is important to do this both so that the incident itself can be dealt with by liaising with the appropriate bodies and so that the team can build up a pattern of behaviour which can be used to direct and plan future initiatives/patrols etc.

**7. Grove Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team: (PCSO Pat Read, PCSO Kayleigh Simpson)** Current priorities for the SNT as identified by the community panel include student discipline, issues around Fairfield and the Vineyard area relating to youth ASB and graffiti, and traffic safety. Last year the team had held a number of meetings with students at the College and University at the start of the academic year to deliver a strong message that anti social behaviour within the Grove community will not be tolerated. This will be done again.

**8. AOB:** There was a query about who to contact about items dumped in and near the Hogsmill River. If it is in the river it is the Environment Agency. Street cleaning happens every week (with a mechanical broom every other week). See the RBK website for details [http://maps.kingston.gov.uk/ISIS\\_Main/MyPropertyInfo.aspx](http://maps.kingston.gov.uk/ISIS_Main/MyPropertyInfo.aspx) . The Council collects litter twice a week near the school. There tends to be a wind tunnel effect along the river which exacerbates litter issues.