

MOOR POOL *DUCK*

Newsletter of Moor Pool Residents' Association

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INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE MOOR POOL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Moor Pool Residents' Association was formed following a well advertised meeting held at Moor Pool Hall on Wednesday, 5th July. Around 120 residents attended. The notes of that meeting are available at the Post Office, on request.

The meeting elected Grant Dixon as Chairman. The full committee is as follows:

Chairman:

Grant Dixon Park Edge Freeholder

Secretary:

Ann Gunthorpe Margaret Grove Tenant

Treasurer:

Stan Westwood North Gate Tenant

Committee:

Nigel Bartram Carless Avenue Freeholder

Stanley Brown Carless Avenue Freeholder

Mike Frost Carless Avenue Tenant

Eileen Gilbert Moor Pool Avenue Tenant

Martin Harrold Carless Avenue Freeholder

Lynn Holder North Gate Tenant

Paul Lewis Carless Avenue Tenant

Walter Owen Moor Pool Avenue Tenant

Janice Scott Carless Avenue Tenant

Philip Wallis The Post Office Lessee

Stanley Young Carless Avenue Tenant

The Association has been formed to represent the interests of all residents of the Estate.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The first meeting of the elected committee took place on July 13th. Under the energetic Chairmanship of Grant Dixon, future plans and activities were discussed, and tasks allocated. One of the first was to produce a quarterly newsletter - and you are now reading the Issue No 1 ! The newsletter will try to keep you up-to-date with the activities of the Association, and matters of interest to residents. Your ideas, comments and views are important. Please contact our Secretary, c/o The Post Office. Phil Wallis has kindly set up a Mail Box for the Association in the Post Office, so feel free to use it. He is also organising a Residents Association Noticeboard.

HAVE YOU JOINED YOUR ASSOCIATION ?

Membership for the year 1995-96 is £2 per home, and the funds are under the watchful eye of your Treasurer, Stan Westwood. So far, 205 out of about 500 homes have joined. Membership forms are available from Phil Wallis at the Post Office, or simply put £2 in an envelope with your name and address on a piece of paper, and leave it at the Post Office.



"TEA & BUN" PARTY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st, MOOR POOL HALL

The Committee is organising this get-together for all residents. There will be tea and buns, and you will have an opportunity to meet and talk to members of the committee and fellow residents. Hopefully many of the clubs and associations on the estate will be represented. It is planned to have a display of some interesting historical pictures and maps.

The "Tea & Bun" Party, starting at 3pm is open to all residents. There will be no charge for admission. - although there may be a small charge for refreshments. Make a note in your diary.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Many of you will remember the plan put forward by the City Engineer last year to close the road through the old railway bridge at Park Hill Road, and turn Wentworth Road into something approaching a motorway. Following packed public meetings, the scheme was postponed for further consultation. We understand that the City Engineers' Dept is continuing with those consultations, and your Residents' Association will be reporting on progress in the next edition of the 'DUCK'.

BRADFORD PROPERTY TRUST WELCOMES FORMATION OF RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Committee recognises that one of its important tasks is to establish a good working relationship with BPT. The Chairman was very pleased to receive a letter from Peter Jordan, the local Director of BPT, welcoming the formation of the Association. In the letter, he noted that the philosophies he finds at BPT are closely aligned with those which were held by Harborne Tenants Ltd. He looks forward to working with the Association and all the residents, to try to maintain the standards and quality of life which we all enjoy. BPT accept their many obligations towards the Estate as a whole, as it is a designated Conservation Area. Two members of your committee have agreed to liaise with BPT on a regular basis. At the first meeting, several topics were raised, and Peter Jordan's comments are as follows:

1. BPT aims to continue strict vetting of prospective tenants.
2. BPT wish to preserve the special features of the Estate.
3. Lock-up garage improvement is not accounted for in this year's budget - but is under consideration. Garages will in future only be let to residents of the Estate.
4. Noise and parking problems associated with the letting of Moor Pool Hall are being monitored following complaints from residents. However, parking restrictions, as suggested by some residents, are not felt to be the answer as these would have to apply to everyone, and thus would also affect shops and residents alike.
5. Consideration for designating a children's play area is under review. There is difficulty in establishing a mutually acceptable area /site, and the topic is unlikely to be settled in the near future.
6. BPT stresses that it is the responsibility of residents to maintain paths and hedges alongside property and allotments. These should be kept properly cut and trimmed, so as not obstruct the pathways.
7. BPT apologises for poor communication with some tenants concerning the recent Gas Safety Checks.

SECURITY

This is an important topic which concerns us all, and worries many of us. Your Committee will make enquiries regarding recommendations for security and a Neighbourhood Watch update.

The HARBORNE SOCIETY

Our Estate is one of the Conservation Areas in Birmingham. Your Committee considers it valuable to liaise with both the Harborne Society and the Conservation Area Advisory Committee (C.A.A.C.). These organisations should be able to offer informed assistance on planning-related matters and also on protecting special features of our Estate.

DID YOU KNOW ?

For those interested, the categories of occupier on the Estate are as follows:

Tenants	50%
Leaseholders	20%
Freeholders	30%

ACTIVITIES ON THE ESTATE

Aerobics, Bingo and Health & Beauty (for the over 50's) are all activities that regularly take place in either the small or large halls at the Circle. The Moorpool Players present high quality amateur theatre several times each year.

In addition, on the Estate, there are two Tennis Clubs, A Fisherman's Club, a Bowls Club, a Snooker Club, a Skittles Club and a Shooting Club. There are also several other activity groups. Further details on these clubs and the important role they have on the Estate will be covered in future editions of the 'DUCK'.

HISTORY OF THE MOOR POOL ESTATE

One important role of the Residents' Association will be to build up an archive of the history of the Estate. The Association has been given a fine map of the Estate by the Conservation Dept of Birmingham City Council. It might be possible to make copies available for sale. If you have any old postcards, photographs or drawings, please contact the Secretary. We will arrange to borrow them, have them copied professionally, and return them to you promptly.

ADVERTISING

The 'DUCK' will be circulated to all 500 homes on the Moor Pool Estate four times each year. Each edition can be sponsored by a supplier or tradesman. The cost is £20, which will include a small advertisement. Contact the Secretary for information.

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