

MOOR POOL DUCK

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BPT AGREE TO GARAGE LIGHTING.

Following the Committee Meeting with the BPT Directors, Peter Jordan has notified the Residents' Association that Harborne Tenants are to install lighting to major garage sites.

The Committee sees this as a significant achievement and confirmation that the Residents' Association does have a voice which is being responded to by BPT. The issue of garage lighting has been raised previously only to be dismissed as 'prohibitively expensive'. However, following the visit by the Directors of BPT, they were prepared to consider alternative (and significantly cheaper) lighting proposals. They have decided against 'floodlights' because of the potential impact on local residents. The current proposal is to provide bulkhead fittings on every third/fourth garage to provide, in their words, "appropriate lighting levels without overspill to surrounding areas". Peter Jordan has stated that he has every confidence that this scheme will be more than satisfactory. There will be a slight increase in garage rents to offset the expenditure costs of installation. The committee felt that a suggested figure of 25p seemed fair and reasonable.

Shop to Let

Your committee persuaded BPT to consider a further attempt to re-let the shop. Given certain difficulties, BPT had no immediate plans to re-let the shop following its closure early last year. However, at the meeting, the Directors agreed to take steps to actively market the shop.

The precise terms and conditions will need to be negotiated with BPT but they have agreed to be realistic given the present market forces. If you know of anyone who would be interested in leasing shop premises please encourage them to submit suitable proposals. Our estate can only benefit from seeing the shop re-opened as an appropriate trading concern.

Pool Levels Down

The Fishing Club have, for some time, been concerned by the dropping water level of the Moor Pool. There have been a number of theories put forward as to why this is occurring.

Peter Jordan, on behalf of Harborne Tenants, has informed the Committee that in the last two to three months approximately £1000 has already been spent to replace pipe feeding the pool. Harborne Tenants have given an undertaking to restore and maintain the pool at sufficient levels to ensure the long term future of the Moor Pool.

Planning Application Refused

The Residents' Association has received a letter from Councillor Alden informing us that the application for Outline Planning Consent for Margaret Grove has been refused.

Councillor Alden also brought to the attention of Association the fact that before any action could be taken by the Transportation Department to block off Margaret Grove and Moor Pool Avenue at the junction with Park Hill Road and to make these roads one-way, a detailed house to house survey (on both

sides of the closure in question) would have to be carried out.

Your Association

The Committee meets every three months to discuss issues raised during the intervening period. The committee can only represent your views if you make these known to them. If you have any comments to make, or wish to submit an article for publication in The Duck, please send these to The Chairman c/o The Post Office.

One issue which is regularly raised is the route of the little bus. Some committee members object strongly to its present route, whilst others do not feel the estate is sufficiently served by the route (namely Carless Avenue). As no committee member is a regular user of the bus, comments from those who use the bus would be most welcome. One significant problem appears to be the difficulty the bus has in negotiating the corner of North Gate onto the Circle. This problem is exacerbated when cars are parked adjacent to this junction. As residents, it would be appreciated if you were to alleviate this problem by not parking adjacent to feeder roads onto the Circle.

Subscriptions.

Subscriptions for the current year now stand at 243. If you have not already done so, the £2 subscription can be paid at the Post Office.

Club Liaison Officer

The Committee has appointed Jacqui Holder to liaise with the Clubs on the Estate.

Questionnaire

The Chairman came under strong criticism from some residents in respect of the recent Residents' Questionnaire.

Despite the objections to the 'wording' of some of the questions, the questionnaire did give a very useful base for items to be discussed with the BPT directors. If you would like to see the results, these can be obtained from The Post Office. Again thank you to all those who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

Security

Harborne Tenants were asked if workmen could carry identification to ensure that 'if challenged' bona fide workmen could be easily recognised. Peter Jordan agreed to investigate this option.

However, in the meantime, all workmen should knock on the door of the property to identify themselves before they carry out any repairs. If this is not happening could you please notify the office.

Post Office Petition

The Committee agreed to support a petition to allow the Post Office to sell Vehicle Tax Licences

Preparations for the Millennium

The Moor Pool Hall has been booked by the Residents' Association for the Millennium. If you have any suggestions as to how this event could be celebrated, these would be gratefully received.