

MOOR POOL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Monday 13th October, 2008
The Moor Pool Hall.

Present: Committee: Rob Sutton, Janine Sutton, Mike Frost, Tina Hackett, Gillian Morgan, Norma Mason, Rachel New and Eugene Hayden

Guests: Cllr John Alden

Apologies: Cllr Mike Whitby, Gisela Stuart MP, Cllr Peter Hollingswoth, Sheila Preece, Alastair Moyes, Andrew Cunningham, Margaret and Stuart Green, Simon Turner, Chris Hargreaves, Paula McGee, Alison Darby, Mark Linton, Steve Wright and Mrs Wright, Pam Frost, Elaine Wheeler and Dennis Worsley.

1. **Opening :** The Chairman, Rob Sutton , opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and introduced the agenda for the meeting.
2. The apologies were read out and Rob Sutton asked all those assembled to spend a minute to remember those who were no longer with us.
3. **Minutes of the AGM 2007:** Rachel New proposed that the minutes reflected the meeting last year and Emma Gray seconded. There were no votes against and the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising:** Notices regarding traffic management – 29th October 2008 deadline for comments
5. **Chairmans Report:** Rob Sutton discussed the events of the last year in respect of Graingers planning application and the objections from MRA and MAA and the vast number of objections from residents and interested bodies. With the uncertainty of the property market, it is difficult to know what will happen next, especially until the results of the planning applications are known. He went on to point out the unacceptable disrepair and neglect that the Estate suffers under Grainger's ownership. He felt this was an opportune time to thank the MRG for their hard work and requested that the meeting ratify the MRG for another year and asked if there was anyone else who would like to join the MRG.
6. **Treasurers Report:**

Gillian Morgan advised the meeting that it had been a positive year for the Residents Association funds. Subscription income had doubled. However, this still represents only a minority of households on the estate and it would be good to see even more paid up members. The coffee mornings had been a tremendous success and due to the generosity of the team we had made a small profit to date. We are holding funds in the sum of £1803. £200 is owed to one of our suppliers

and the remainder is in connection with a grant application. Income had exceeded expenditure in the last year. Subscriptions remain the same for next year at £3.00 per individual and £5.00 per household.

7. Invitation to the MRG to speak

Andrew Hackett informed the meeting that it had been 15 months since the formation of the MRG. He reiterated that Graingers had submitted their planning application and this offered only profit for Grainger and no benefit whatsoever for the estate. Plans included nothing for the residents. Andrew expressed his thanks to the members of the MRG who put in so much work and those that stepped up to help, particularly Kate Nancarrow, Trisha Cusack, Phil Simpson and Emma Moyes. Also thanks to Selwyn Blythe who is stepping down this year due to other commitments. Andrew asked the meeting to ratify the MRG for another year. Rob Sutton proposed the motion and it was seconded by Mike Parkes. The motion was carried.

8. Questions from the floor:

- a. Margie Harley – What about antisocial behaviour if garages not demolished? Andrew Hackett – Graingers should secure garages. Margie Harley – There will still be antisocial behaviour until the garages are demolished. Andrew Hackett – Graingers need to resolve the problem. Margie Harley – The garages need to be completely blocked off to stop undesirables gaining entry . Robert Sutton – If we had the opportunity to sit down with Graingers, perhaps this could be resolved along with other issued. Margie Harley – It needs to be emphasised how serious this problem is. The police cannot prioritise the problems on this site on a Friday/Saturday night. Emma Moyes – It might be an idea to get Community Support Officer to see Graingers and perhaps legal course of action could be taken against Graingers. Rob Sutton – Will speak to Phil Nelson of Graingers.
- b. Mrs Richards, 50 Moor Pool Avenue – Rights of Way, side of Moor Pool Avenue/Bowling Green – hazardous as tarmac has been raised by roots. Graingers would be liable to pay compensation in the event of an accident. Rob Sutton – The Bowling Club have taken this up and also the Moorpool Residents Association. Graingers had advised that quotes were being obtained for resurfacing.
- c. Mike Parkes – proposed the motion “If the planning applications are withdrawn or rejected, we would ask Graingers to take immediate action to make the garages and their surroundings safe and to withdraw all eviction notices

on allotments” There was unanimous support for this motion with a show of hands and the motion was carried.

- d. Hazel Bruce – Raised the problem in respect of Japanese knotweed on the estate. Rob Sutton – Believed Graingers were getting contractors in. John Alden – Reported to office at the Council. Japanese Knotweed is no longer a notifiable weed. Releasing insects to kill Japanese Knotweed – what else will they eat? Officers have contacted Graingers. Rob Sutton – Believe that Graingers have begun a programme of treatment.
- e. Questioner unknown – What has happened to seat on circle? Hazel Bruce – It was hit by a refuse truck and a lamp post was hit as well.
- f. Wynn Richards – Graingers should keep up their responsibilities. Rob Sutton – They have responsibilities but are not honouring them.
- g. Mrs Ikin – What’s happening to the offices? Rob Sutton – nothing at the moment. Would like use suitable for the Estate. Graingers are struggling to let them at the moment.

9. Election of committee members:

New committee members Hazel Bruce and Duncan Gallimore

10. Closing Address:

Rob Sutton said that it was the end of his first year as Chair. There are a lot of interesting things coming up and the Moorpool Residents Association will keep working for the residents. Rob requested that residents keep in touch. He then informed the meeting that the next coffee mornings were 25th October 2008 and 29th November 2008.

Emma Moyes requested a round of applause for Rob Sutton.