

SMART (St Mary's Association of Residents)

Minutes of meeting 18th Jan 2012

Welcome

Those present are not recorded in total on the minutes in order to protect personal information, as requested by group members.

Agenda

Robin suggested we use the meeting to recap on our success from last year and to consider what we would like to achieve in the year ahead.

1. The group considered improvements in food waste management, the bus service, improvements to No 2, removal of skip from outside the bathroom shop and improvements in street tidiness/reduction of litter. The group also had input into local improvements such as the agreement of Gregg's to contribute to the 'litter-pick'.
2. Proposals for next year are that we maintain and grow the group and perhaps link to other neighbourhood groups such as PADRA. We can also contribute to 'Team Bearwood' events related to the Lightwoods House and Park improvements, Bearwood in Bloom and ongoing litter picks.

Issues arising

Members discussed street issues. New lampposts will be sited away from the road in future. Concerns were expressed about the abuse of 'blue badges' and inconsiderate parking by non-disabled people. Potholes were identified and reported to Santokh.

Santokh, Councillors Steve Eling and Bob Piper explained the new bin procedures. Some reservations about the numbers of bins were expressed but it was agreed to give it a go. Any problems can be reported to Santokh.

The amount of junk mail was noted. It is possible to put a note in the window to refuse this, but it has a limited effect.

We discussed positive developments that we could become involved in, such as the Jubilee. There was no consensus about this but we agreed to consider what we might like to do.

The group agreed to bi-monthly meetings at the later start time of 6.30pm

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed.